

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: LUCY LOKANT, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-149096**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 16, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Lucy Lokant, R.N., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On March 19, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Lokant was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lucy Lokant, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-149096 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on July 3, 1996. The license is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2015. Ms. Lokant's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated December 18, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Lokant notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 16, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 194 Poague Lane, Glasgow, Virginia, 24555, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. During the course of her employment with Western State Hospital, Staunton, Virginia, on April 8, 2013, Ms. Lokant administered an intramuscular injection of Ativan to Patient A without informing the patient she was going to give the injection and without offering the patient an oral dose of the medication. There were three witnesses to the incident, all of whom stated she did not warn the patient before giving the injection. Ms. Lokant stated that she does not remember what she told the patient about imminent injection. She also stated she used a 21 or 23-gauge needle, which, when withdrawn from the patient, who had sat down, was bent at a right angle.

4. Ms. Lokant's employment with Western State Hospital, which began in April 2012, was terminated following this incident. She stated that she filed a grievance of her termination, but it was denied.

5. Ms. Lokant is currently working in Stonewall Jackson Hospital's Emergency Department. She had been working at Stonewall Jackson at the time her employment with Western State Hospital was terminated. She stated that Stonewall Jackson was aware of Ms. Lokant's Board proceeding.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

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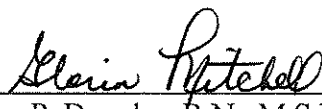
WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Lucy Lokant, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Lokant shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Lokant may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **May 6, 2014**, notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE BOARD:


for Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: April 3, 2014

This Order shall become final on May 6, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.