

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

KAREN GENTRY TEMPLE, R.N.

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to § 54.1-110 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, a quorum of the Board of Nursing (the "Board") met by telephone conference call on March 8, 1996, after a good faith effort to convene a regular meeting of the Board had failed. The purpose of the meeting was to receive and act upon evidence indicating that Karen Gentry Temple, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations relating to the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Particulars, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREUPON, pursuant to its authority under § 54.1-3009 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Board concludes that a substantial danger to public health or safety warrants this action and ORDERS that the license of Karen Gentry Temple, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia be and hereby is SUSPENDED. It is further ORDERED that a hearing be convened forthwith to receive and act upon evidence in this cause and that the Executive Director of the Board shall be authorized to execute this Order and all other documents, notices and orders on behalf of the Board necessary to bring this matter to hearing.

Pursuant to § 9.6.14:14 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the

custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD

*Judith P. Parker*  
for Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S.N.  
Executive Director

Entered: March 12, 1996

Received: March 12, 1996

By: *John W. Hasty*  
John W. Hasty, Director  
for Department of Health Professions

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a certified true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed on this day to Karen Gentry Temple at 504 Old Oak Lane, Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834.

*Judith P. Parker*  
for Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S.N.  
Executive Director for the  
Board of Nursing  
March 13, 1996  
DATE

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to § 9-6.14:12, § 54.1-110 and § 54.1-2400(9) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("the Code"), you are hereby given notice that, pursuant to § 9-6.14:14.1(F), a hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing ("the Board"). The hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m., on May 20, 1996, at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Fourth Floor, Richmond, Virginia, at which time you will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing you have the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel, the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on your behalf, the right to present documentary evidence and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If you desire any witnesses to appear on your behalf, notify the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, 6606 West Broad Street, Fourth Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717, giving the names and address of the witnesses, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing in order that subpoenas may be issued.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive and act upon evidence that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

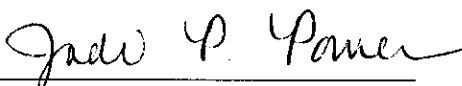
The Board alleges that Karen Gentry Temple, R.N., has violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and § 4.1.A.2(c) and (e) of the Board of Nursing Regulations, in that:

1. During the course of her employment with John Randolph Hospital, Hopewell, Virginia, by her own admission, between approximately May 1995, and February 1996, Ms. Temple diverted various amounts of divers Schedule II and Schedule IV controlled substances, to include Demerol, a Schedule II controlled substance, Morphine, a Schedule II controlled substance, Percocet, a Schedule II controlled substance, and Valium, or diazepam, a Schedule IV controlled substance, for her personal and unauthorized use while on and off duty. These diversions were accomplished by signing out medication for patients for whom it was not ordered, failing to document medication administration on patient

records, signing out controlled substances but administering over-the-counter medications, signing out more medication or types of medication than ordered, signing out medication for other nurses' patients, and failing to waste medication.

2. By her own admission, Ms. Temple obtained prescriptions for various amounts of Xanax 0.5mg, a Schedule IV controlled substance, and Percocet, a Schedule II controlled substance, from more than one physician at a time, none of whom were aware the others were prescribing these medications.
3. Between on or about February 12, 1996, and February 23, 1996, Ms. Temple received inpatient treatment for chronic dysthymia and polysubstance dependence on opiates, narcotics, benzodiazepines and alcohol from Poplar Springs Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia.
4. By her own admission, at the time she entered treatment, Ms. Temple was consuming on a daily basis up to fifteen (15) to twenty (20) Percocet tablets (obtained from prescriptions and diversions) and three (3) to six (6) Xanax 0.5mg (obtained from prescriptions) When Ms. Temple could not obtain the amount of Percocet she needed in a given day, Ms. Temple diverted and administered to herself 300-400 mg of Demerol and/or 20mg of Morphine. If these medications were not available, Ms. Temple would consume alcohol, up to two (2) bottles of wine and a fifth of liquor in a two-day period. Further, she reported occasional unauthorized use of Ritalin, prescribed for her son, to counter the effects of the narcotics.
5. In 1984, Ms. Temple received treatment for alcohol dependence from Poplar Springs Hospital.

FOR THE BOARD

*for*   
Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S.N.  
Executive Director  
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