

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

RE: SHERYL L. MASON, L.P.N.

ORDER

Pursuant to § 9-6.14:12 and § 54.1-110 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (the "Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a quorum of the Board of Nursing (the "Board") on January 27, 1998, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon evidence that Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia. The case was presented by Tammie D. Hall, Senior Legal Assistant, Administrative Proceedings Division. Howard M. Casway, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Mason was present and was not represented by counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N., holds License No. 0002-048568 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment at Greensville Correctional Center, Jarratt, Virginia, through Correctional Medical Services, Jarratt, Virginia, by her own admission, Ms. Mason engaged in sexual intercourse with Individual A, an inmate, in the laundry room of the facility. As a result, her employment was terminated on or about March 5, 1997.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N., has violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS that License No. 0002-048568, issued to Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N., to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, be and hereby is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED. Ms. Mason may petition the Board, after not less than two (2) years from the date of entry of this Order, for the reinstatement of her license, at which time she may appear before a Special Conference Committee of the Board and present evidence satisfactory to the Board that she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of nursing.

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.

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Mason has thirty (30) days from the service date in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S.N., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 6606 W. Broad Street, Fourth Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717. The service date shall be defined as the date Ms. Mason actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon her by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

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

February 11, 1998  
ENTERED

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a certified true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed on this day to Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N., at 7210 Hunt Road, Jarratt, VA 23867.

Nancy K. Durrett  
Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S.N.  
Executive Director for the  
Board of Nursing

February 11, 1998  
DATE

In order to protect the privacy of the individuals referred to in this case, they have been referred to by letters and are identified as follows:

Individual A James Smith