

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: GENO D'AMICO, R.N.**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 27, 2011, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Geno D'Amico, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by James E. Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General. Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Mr. D'Amico was present and was represented by Nina J. Ginsberg, Esquire. 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. Geno D'Amico, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-211406 to practice as a professional nurse in Virginia on February 19, 2008. The license is current and is set to expire on August 31, 2011.
2. During the course of his employment with Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Alexandria, Virginia ("Inova"), Geno D'Amico, R.N., engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former patient on the unit where he was assigned. More specifically, upon admission on March 14, 2008, Patient C exhibited the following symptoms: mania with euphoria, flight of ideas and possible delusion. Within a few days of Patient C's release, beginning in approximately March, 2008, through August, 2009, Mr. D'Amico, by his own admission, engaged in an ongoing sexual relationship with Patient C. Further, on the day of Patient C's discharge from the psychiatric unit, Mr. D'Amico inappropriately gave Patient C one hundred

dollars for her personal use.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No.2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300 (A)(2)(1) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

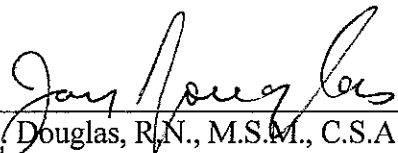
**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Geno D'Amico, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. License No. 0001-211406 of Geno D'Amico, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
4. At such time as Mr. D'Amico shall petition the Board for reinstatement of his license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether he is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Mr. D'Amico shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
5. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 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 public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD

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

  
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**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with 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. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.