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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
 : LS0411241NUR
SHARON DAWSON L.P.N. :
RESPONDENT :

Parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

Sharon A. Dawson, L.P.N.
615 West Keefe Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53210

State of Wisconsin
Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A formal complaint is pending in this matter before the Board of Nursing.

The parties in this matter, Sharon A. Dawson, LPN personally, and through her attorney, James Toran and Pamela M. Stach, Attorney for Complainant, agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board of Nursing.

The Board has reviewed the Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sharon A. Dawson, LPN, Respondent herein, whose date of birth is December 26, 1950, is duly licensed to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Wisconsin under license number 259756 which was granted on May 26, 1983.
2. Respondent's last known address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 615 West Keefe Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. 53210.
3. On March 17, 2004, a Judgment of Conviction was entered by the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, Branch 42, upon a plea of no contest, to a violation of sec. 940.295(3)(A)(1) stats., a felony G to wit: that on or about May 22, 2003, Sharon A. Dawson, while employed in a licensed nursing home, intentionally neglected a patient, (d/o/b 3/30/24), by an act, omission, or course of conduct that, because of the failure to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care of dental care created a significant danger to the physical or mental health of the patient under circumstances likely to cause great bodily harm. A copy of the Judgment of Conviction is appended hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

4. Respondent is presently incarcerated at the Women's Correctional Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
5. The crime of which Respondent is convicted as set forth in paragraph 3 above is substantially related to the practice of nursing.
6. On January 6, 2005, Respondent, through her attorney, James Toran, advised the Department of Regulation and Licensing that she has decided to voluntarily relinquish her license to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin. Respondent has requested the right to petition for reinstatement in the future. A copy of the letter from Attorney Toran is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stats. Ch. 441.
2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has the authority to resolve this matter by stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.44(5).
3. Being convicted of a crime which substantially relates to the practice of nursing is unprofessional conduct within the meaning of sec. 441.07(1)(d) stats. and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 7.04(1).

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the Stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of the license of Sharon A. Dawson L.P.N. to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin is hereby accepted. Sharon A. Dawson shall send her license certificate to the Department within 15 days of the date this Order is signed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the event Sharon A. Dawson L.P.N. wishes to resume the practice of nursing in the State of Wisconsin at a future date, she shall appear before the Board of Nursing to request the right to reapply and to satisfy the Board as to her competence to resume practice. Evidence of competence may include, but not be limited to, any testing, evaluation, assessment or retraining the Board deems appropriate for the protection of the public prior to granting any license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that the Board of Nursing denies the request of Sharon A. Dawson L.P.N. for relicensure, or allows a limited license only, such denial or limitation shall not constitute a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.01(3) (a).

Dated this 27th day of January, 2005.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Jacqueline Johnsrud
A Member of the Board