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BEFORE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MICHAEL C. LIPKE, R.N.,

RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 000 1764

The State of Wisconsin Board of Nursing, having considered the above-entitled matter and having reviewed the record and the Stipulation and Proposed Decision attached hereto, makes the following order:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered, that the Proposed Decision attached hereto is made and ordered the Final Decision and Order of the State of Wisconsin Board of Nursing, In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings Against Michael C. Lipke, R.N., Respondent. Let a copy of this order be served on the Respondent by certified mail.

Dated this 13 day of February, 1982.

Marjorie Lundquist, Chairperson

BOARD OF NURSING

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BEFORE	E TI	łΕ	STATE	OF	WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

MICHAEL C. LIPKE, R.N., RESPONDENT.

The parties in this matter agree and stipulate as follows:

- 1. That the respondent freely and voluntarily waives his right to a public hearing in this matter.
- 2. That the complainant and the respondent urge the Board of Nursing to adopt the Proposed Decision attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 3. That the Board of Nursing consider this Stipulation and Proposed Decision at the January 27, 1982 meeting.
- 4. That if the terms of the Stipulation and the Proposed Decision are not acceptable to the Board of Nursing, then the parties shall not be bound by any of the terms.
- 5. That the attorney for the complainant may appear at the January 27, 1982 meeting of the Board to make statements in support of this Stipulation and Froposed Decision.

Michael J. Berndt

Attorney for Complainant

1/19/82 Date

Michael C. Lipke. Respondent

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

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PROPOSED DECISION

MICHAEL C. LIPKE, R.N., RESPONDENT.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. That Michael C. Lipke, hereinafter called the Respondent, was at all times relevant to this complaint duly licensed under the provisions of Chapter 441, Wisconsin Statutes, to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin.
- 2. That the Respondent's certificate to practice as a registered nurse is number 70176, issued March 30, 1978.
- 3. That the Respondent's address is 709 East Juneau, Apt. 606, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53202.
- 4. That from on or about November 29, 1979 and until on or about April 1, 1980, the Respondent was employed by and practiced as a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, hereinafter referred to as the hospital, 2900 West Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 5. That during his period of employment with the hospital, the Respondent procured without a valid prescription of a prostitionar, possessed and self-administered approximately 230 tubexes of various Schedule II and III controlled substances including sodium pentobarbital, meperidine hydrochloride, morphine, hydromorphone hydrochloride and secobarbital sodium.
- 6. That said Schedule II and III controlled substances listed in paragraph 5 above were procured by withdrawing quantities of those substances from tubexes stored in the hospital's narcotics cabinet and replacing the quantities thus withdrawn with saline solution so as to conceal the thefts.
- 7. That on April 11, 1980, in the Circuit Court for Milwaukee County, Judge Joseph P. Callan presiding, the Respondent stipulated to the facts alleged in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and plead guilty to a violation of section 943.20(1)(a) (theft) and section 939.05 (party to a crime), Wisconsin Statutes, and was adjudged guilty thereon.
- 8. That the sentencing of the Respondent was withheld and deferred, and the Respondent was placed on probation on April 11, 1980, for a period of two years with the conditions that the Respondent cooperate

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fully in any drug counseling program recommended by the probation department, that the Respondent pay a fine of \$200.00 plus costs, and that the Respondent make restitution to the hospital in the amount of \$70.73.

- 9. That the Respondent was discharged from probation on May 11, 1981, after thirteen months of the two year probation. The Respondent was discharged early from probation because the Respondent cooperated fully with his probation agent and all urinalysis checks proved negative. Attached as Exhibit A is a letter from the Respondent's probation agent. Attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the Respondent's Discharge From Probation.
- 11. That on April 7, 1980, the Department of Regulation and Licensing received the Respondent's registered nurse license. The Respondent had voluntarily mailed said license to the Department on or about April 5, 1980. That since the Respondent mailed his license to the Department in April of 1980, the Respondent has believed that he was unable to practice nursing and thus has not worked as a registered nurse since April, 1980.
- 12. That the Respondent personally consumed most of the drugs taken by him from the hospital but also gave a small amount of these drugs to a friend.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. That the procurement, possession, and self-administration and the attempted consealment of such action by dilution of potiant medications as alleged above, constitute moral delinquency and unprofessional conduct as defined in Wisconsin Administrative Code sections V 11.00(3) unit N 11.04(1).
- 2. That moral delinquency and unprofessional conduct constitute bases for the board to take disciplinary action against the Respondent pursuant to section 441.07, Wisconsin Statutes.

ORDER

1. That the license of the Respondent, Michael C. Lipke, shall be and hereby is SUSPENDED for a period of two years, said suspension commencing on April 11, 1980.

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State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS
AREA OFFICE

2030 W. National Ave. Milwaukee, WI 5320-

Phone: 224-2953

November 17, 1981

Exhibit A

Department of Regulation & Licensing Enforcement Division P.O. Box 8936 Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Attn: Bell Randall

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding Michael Lipke's adjustment to probation supervision.

During the course of his probation Mr. Lipke did very well in all areas. He cooperated fully with this event and had no fur ther police contacts since initially being placed on supervision.

Regular urinalysis checks were done and he showed no positive urines.

Mr. Lipke did so well that he was given an early discharge from probation, something that is not usually recommended by this agent.

I see no reason why he cannot be given his license back. He appears to have made many positive changes in his life and has become disinvolved in drug usage.

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Sincerely,

Michael S. Pazdan

Probattion & Parole Agent

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JAN 26 1982

Dept. of Regulation & Licensing Division of Enforcement

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS



Exhibit B

Pischarge

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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It appearing to the Department of Health and Social Services that
MICHAEL LIPKE No. 114979-A
hereinafter referred to as the aforesaid, violated Statutes of the State of Wisconsin
was convicted and wasplaced on proparion
It further appearing that the aforesaid has satisfied all judgments of conviction
against him/her to date.
Now, therefore, it is ordered that effective May 11. 1981
the aforesaid be, and hereby is, discharged.
Any civil rights lost as result of such judgments of conviction are restored
by virtue of this discharge, under the provisions of Section 57.078 of the Statutes of
the State of Wisconsin.
MAY 19 1981 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.
Date Administrator Division of Corrections

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