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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

BARBARA S. PETERSON, R.N.,
RESPONDENT.

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

Barbara S. Peterson
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Baraboo, WI 53913

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Barbara S. Peterson (D.O.B. 4/08/62) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse (license # 97055). This license was first granted on September 4, 1987.
2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is S4641 Hatchery Road, Baraboo, WI 53913.
3. On February 18, 1998, while a post surgery patient at Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital, Respondent utilized a PCA key she had obtained in the course of her nursing employment to obtain a controlled substance for her personal use in addition to medication authorized by physician order. Her physician had previously denied Respondent's request for additional narcotic analgesic.
4. An AODA evaluation of Respondent conducted on July 20, 1998, by the Pauquette Center was inconclusive.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Barbara S. Peterson is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(l)(b) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 7.04 (1), (2) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Barbara S. Peterson is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct.
2. The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".
3. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Timothy Burns, CRNA January 29, 1999

A Member of the Board Date

