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IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ELISABETH K. RUDOLPH, R.N., FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. LS99051413NUR

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

*Elisabeth K. Rudolph
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West Bend, WI 53095*

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

*Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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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. Elisabeth K. Rudolph (dob: 11/08/61) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a registered nurse licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 117305 . This license was first granted July 27, 1994.
2. During the period January, 1998, to March 12, 1998, while employed as a registered nurse at Silver Spring Health Center in Milwaukee, Respondent diverted an undetermined number of Demerol tubexes from the institution pharmacy for her personal use.
4. An evaluation by Professional Recovery Network on April 14, 1998, resulted in a diagnosis of opioid dependence.
5. Since April, 1998, Respondent has participated in outpatient treatment for her condition with Professional Recovery Network and ARO - West Bend .
6. On July 21, 1998, Respondent was convicted in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court of the crimes of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and theft.
7. Respondent is not currently engaged in the practice of nursing and has tendered the voluntary surrender of her license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to §441.07(1)(b) and (d) Wis. Stats. and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to §227.44(5), Wis. Stats.
9. The conduct described in paragraphs 2 through 5, above, violated § N 7.03(2) and N 7.04(1), (2) and (15) Wis. A dm. Code. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes .

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Elisabeth K. Rudolph of her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin is accepted.

In the event Respondent shall ever re-apply for a license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin, she shall, in addition to all other requirements for licensure, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board of Nursing that she does not have a chemical dependence, and that she can safely and reliably perform nursing functions

This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by:

Timothy D. Burns, CRNA May 14, 1999
Chair Date