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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

EARL J. GOULD, R.N., RESPONDENT	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER LS0107092NUR
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The Parties to this action for purposes of Wis Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

Earl J. Gould  
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89107-2847

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 the Stipulation and considers it acceptable. Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Earl J. Gould (dob: 04-11-58) 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 # 135973. This license was first granted August 9, 2000.
2. Respondent was convicted on October 3, 2000, in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, in case 00 CM 8079, of a violation of sec. 943.20 Wis. Stats., theft of 2 Percocet tablets from a patient’s medication supply. The conviction is substantially related to the practice of nursing as the theft occurred while Respondent was on duty as a registered nurse on August 31, 2000, at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Milwaukee.
3. The conduct described in paragraph 2, above, violated Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(1)(b) and (d), and N 7.04(1), (2) and (15) Wis. Adm. Code. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.
4. Respondent is not currently practicing as a nurse in Wisconsin, and tenders the voluntary surrender of his license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The stipulation of the parties is accepted.
2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Earl J. Gould of his license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin is accepted.
3. In the event Respondent shall ever re-apply for a license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin, he shall, in addition to all other requirements for licensure, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board of Nursing that he does not have a chemical dependence, and that he can safely and reliably perform nursing functions.
4. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Board of Nursing

By: Ann Brewer	7-9-01
Chair	Date