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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

SHERLIE J. THORSON, LPN,
RESPONDENT

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS02030115NUR

Division of Enforcement Case No. 01 NUR 062

The parties to this action for the purposes of section 227.53 of the Wisconsin statutes are:

Sherlie J. Thorson

PO Box 808

Williams Bay WI 53191

Board of Nursing

PO Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing

Division of Enforcement

PO Box 8935

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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation, 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. Sherlie J. Thorson (D.O.B. 06/24/1937) is duly licensed as a practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin (license #34616). This license was first granted on 03/06/1998.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is PO BOX 808, Williams Bay, WI 53191.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent worked as a licensed practical nurse at Williams Bay Care Center ["Williams Bay"], 146 Clover Street, Williams Bay, Wisconsin.
4. At approximately 3:30 a.m. on or about February 9, 2001, resident OP put on her call light to request medication for leg pain.
5. The CNA on duty subsequently informed respondent that OP had put the call light on to protest the opening of her door, which had been opened for ventilation. OP's call light remained unanswered until approximately 5:30 am. Respondent did not seek to independently verify the reason for OP's call light.
6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the issuance of the following Conclusions of Law and

Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter, pursuant to sec. 441.07, Stats.
2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing is authorized to enter into the attached stipulation, pursuant to sec. 227.44(5), Stats.
3. By the conduct described above, Sherlie J. Thorson is subject to disciplinary action against her Wisconsin nursing license, pursuant to sec. 441.07(1), Wis. Stats., and Wis. Admin. Code §N7.04 (4) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sherlie J. Thorson LPN (license #34616) is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Wisconsin nursing license of Sherlie J. Thorson (license #34616) is LIMITED as follows:

1. Respondent shall comply with all statutes and code provisions relating to the practice of nursing.

Education Requirement

2. Within six (6) months from the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit documentation of successful completion of at least six (6) hours of continuing nursing education approved by the Board in the subject areas of legal aspects of nursing and patient rights. To be acceptable, a course shall be pre-approved by a member or designated agent of the Board of Nursing. Acceptable documentation shall include certification from the sponsoring organization as well as a statement signed by Respondent verifying that she attended the course in its entirety.

Following completion of her continuing education requirement, Respondent shall submit an evaluation of the training to the Division of Enforcement to assist the Division in developing future disciplinary policies and guidelines

Required reporting

3. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.

Department Monitor

4. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving reports and coordinating all requests for approval of education or other petitions. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows: Department Monitor c/o Division of Enforcement, PO Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935. TEL (608) 267-3817 FAX (608) 266-2264

Petition for Termination of restrictions

5. Upon full and timely completion of the terms and conditions of this Order, Respondent's license shall be restored to full and unrestricted status.

Agency Caregiver Finding

6. If Respondent fails to fully and completely comply with all terms and conditions set forth above or if the Department receives a subsequent credible allegation against Respondent of abuse, neglect or misappropriation, the Department Monitor shall without further notice or hearing notify the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services that the findings set forth in this Order shall thereafter constitute an agency finding of neglect for the purposes of secs. 48.685 and 50.065, Wis. Stats. Respondent shall then REFRAIN from any nursing employment in any facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services until such time as Respondent successfully completes a rehabilitation review administered by DHFS.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

7. In the event that Respondent fails to timely comply with the requirements set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, her Wisconsin license to practice as a practical nurse shall be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until she has complied with the terms of this Order. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license pursuant to the procedures set forth in Wis. Admin. Code

RL Ch. 6. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

Effective date of Order

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

BOARD OF NURSING

By: Linda Sanner	3-1-02
On behalf of the Board	Date