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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	LS0402271NUR
TARA KAY STEVENSON, L.P.N.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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

Tara Kay Stevenson, L.P.N.
5032 Hwy 61 South #2
Burlington IA 52601

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
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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 of Nursing. 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. Tara Kay Stevenson, L.P.N., Respondent, date of birth September 22, 1972, is licensed by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 34677, which was first granted April 7, 1998.
2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 1822 Hill Road, Cuba City WI 53807. The Division of Enforcement has received information that Respondent's current address is 5032 Hwy 61 South #2, Burlington, IA 52601.
3. During the events of this matter, Respondent was employed as a licensed practical nurse at Heartland Health Care Center (Center), a long-term skilled nursing facility in Platteville, Wisconsin.

COUNT I

4. At approximately 7:00 a.m. on May 18, 2003, in the course of her normal duties, Respondent administered medications to Ms. A, a resident of the Center. After Ms. A drifted back to sleep, Respondent removed from Ms. A's finger Ms. A's wedding ring set. Ms. A did not consent to Respondent taking possession of Ms. A's rings.
5. Respondent took the wedding ring set to a pawn shop in Madison, Wisconsin, pawned the rings and received cash. Respondent contends she needed the money to live on until the next payday.
6. On May 19, 2003, Ms. A's daughter, Ms. B, came to visit Ms. A. During the visit, Ms. B noticed that her moth

wedding rings were missing and immediately notified Center staff. On May 29, 2003, the Administrator of the Center reported the incident to the Platteville Police Department, who investigated the disappearance of the rings.

COUNT II

7. The following occurred in Grant County Wisconsin Circuit Court case number 2003CF000074, as a result of Respondent taking the rings from the resident of the Center:

a. On June 13, 2003, Respondent was charged with violating § 943.20(1)(a) & (3)(d), Stats., (Theft-Movable Property-Special Facts). The special fact, which made the theft a class H felony, is that the property was taken from a vulnerable adult.

b. On January 13, 2004, as a result of a plea bargain, Respondent was convicted of violating § 943.20(1)(a) & (3)(d), Stats., a felony.

- c. Respondent was sentenced to 3 years probation. Terms of probation included:
- i. 30 days jail time, to be completed within 90 days.
 - ii. 50 hours community service.

8. § 943.20(1)(a), Stats., theft, is a law substantially related to practice under Respondent's license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to § 441.07, Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to § 227.44(5), Stats.

3. Respondent, by engaging in the conduct set out in Count I, has violated Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.04(12), which subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to § 441.07(1)(d), Stats.

4. Respondent, by engaging in the conduct set out in Count II, has violated Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.04(1), which subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to § 441.07(1)(d), Stats.

5. Respondent's conduct, as set out in the Findings of Fact, is an agency finding within the meaning of § 50.065(4m)(b)3, Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The license of Tara Kay Stevenson, Respondent, as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Wisconsin of is hereby **SUSPENDED** for one (1) year, commencing on the date of this Order.

2. Following the suspension, Respondent shall provide her supervisor, at any place of employment as a licensed practical nurse, with a copy of this Final Decision and Order prior to commencing that employment.

3. Respondent shall, within 90 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$525.00 pursuant to § 440.22(2), Stats.

4. All requests, notifications and payment shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Department Monitor

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Fax (608) 266-2264
Telephone (608) 267-3817

5. Violation of any term or condition of this Order may constitute grounds for revocation of Respondent's license as a licensed practical nurse in Wisconsin. Should the Board determine that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent has violated the terms of this Order, the Board may order that Respondent's license be summarily suspended pending investigation of and hearing on the alleged violation.

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."

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 3rd day of March, 2004.

Jacqueline A. Johnsrud, R.N.
Chairperson
Board of Nursing