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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	<b>FINAL DECISION AND ORDER</b>
	:	
KARI A. LUKAS, R.N.,	:	LS0506093NUR
RESPONDENT.	:	03 NUR 110

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

Kari A. Lukas  
502 Jefferson St.  
Waupaca, WI 54981

Wisconsin 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

#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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. Kari A. Lukas (D.O.B. 8/25/71) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered nurse (license # 135474). This license was first granted on 7/14/00. She was previously disciplined by the Board in files 01 Nur 58 and 02 Nur 219, for diverting opioids from a hospital where she worked as an agency nurse in 2001, and for failing to document administration of controlled substances which she had signed out for a patient at a different employing hospital, in 2002. Her license was suspended and she was offered the opportunity to have the suspension stayed on condition that she enter and remain in treatment, and be monitored. She has never applied for a stay. Her license continues to be suspended, and has been expired since 2/29/04, but could be renewed, and the suspension stayed, if she complied with the conditions of the Order of the Board dated 12/5/02.

2. On 4/7/03, Respondent forged two prescriptions for oxycodone products which were C-II controlled substances, and faxed them to separate pharmacies, intending thereby to obtain these controlled substances for her own use, without authorization from a legitimate prescriber. She received one of the prescriptions.

3. On 3/16/05, Respondent was convicted in the Circuit Court for Winnebago County, Wisconsin, of obtaining a prescription drug by fraud, contrary to 450.11(7)(a), Wis. Stats., growing out of the incident described in paragraph 2, above. The court withheld sentence and placed Respondent on probation for 12 months, on the following conditions: she must undergo drug and alcohol treatment and such other counseling as her probation agent may recommend, pay \$55 in costs plus the costs of supervision, not consume any alcohol or illegal substance, and submit to random urine drug screens.

#### CONCLUSION OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §441.07(1)(b), (c) and (d), and Wis. Adm. Code §§ N 7.03(1)(a), (b), (c), (e), and N 7.04(1) and (15).

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license to practice nursing of Kari A. Lukas is REVOKED. Respondent shall not practice nursing in Wisconsin, including under the Nurse Licensure Compact, without a license from the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if respondent ever petitions for reinstatement or applies for any other license or privilege from the Board, she shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of \$600, before such petition or application may be considered.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Jacqueline Johnsrud, RN  
A Member of the Board

June 9, 2005  
Date