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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY:

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

:

T. J. RATLIFF, R.N., : LS06091410NUR

RESPONDENT.

Division of Enforcement Case No. 04 NUR 185

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

T. J. Ratliff, R.N. 3478A E. Armour Cudahy, WI 53110

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### 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 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. T. J. Ratliff (a/k/a Terry J. Ratliff), R.N., Respondent, date of birth April 22, 1967, is licensed by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license #30-102649, which was first granted August 25, 1989.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 3478A E. Armour, Cudahy, WI 53110
- 3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Wisconsin Health Center (WHC) in Greenfield, Wisconsin.
- 4. On June 30, 2004, Respondent was charged in Milwaukee County Wisconsin Circuit Court case number 2004CF003382 with one count of violating Wis. Stat. § 961.43(1)(a) (Obtaining Controlled Substance by Fraud), a class H felony.

- 5. On April 11, 2005, Respondent pled guilty and was convicted of violating Wis. Stat. § 961.43(1)(a) (Obtaining Controlled Substance by Fraud), a class H felony, and was sentenced to three years probation.
- 6. Wis. Stat. § 961.43(1)(a) is a law substantially related to the practice of professional nursing.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07 and has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described in paragraph(s) 4 & 5, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Adm. Code § N 7.04(1).

# **ORDER**

# NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the voluntary SURRENDER of the license of T. J. Ratliff (license #30-102649) to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin. Respondent shall immediately return all indicia of Wisconsin licensure to the Department Monitor, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935. Should Respondent reapply for Wisconsin licensure, the Board may in its sole discretion determine whether, and under what terms and conditions, a license may be reissued.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- 2. Within one year of the date of this Final Decision and Order, Respondent will pay for the costs of this investigation in the amount of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708-8935.
- 3. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

By: Marilyn Kaufmann 9/14/06 A Member of the Board Date