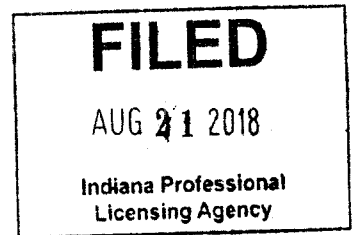


BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2018 NB 0053

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:)
KALA NICOLE JONES, R.N.,)
LICENSE NO: 28213497A)



SUMMARY SUSPENSION EXTENSION ORDER

The Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board") at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 19, 2018 in Conference Room B of the Indiana Government Center, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, pursuant to the authority of Ind. Code Ch. 4-21.5-4-1 and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10, by a vote of 3-0-0, **EXTENDS** the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the license held by Kala Nicole Jones, R.N. ("Respondent") for an additional ninety (90) days, as the Board finds that an emergency exists and that Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to practice nursing in the State of Indiana.

The State of Indiana ("Petitioner") was represented by Amanda R. Elizondo, Deputy Attorney General. Respondent did not appear in person, but did submit an email stating that she did not contest the summary suspension being extended.

This **NON-FINAL** emergency order is based on evidence of supporting the following findings:

1. Respondent is a Registered Nurse ("R.N.") in the State of Indiana, having been granted R.N. License Number 28213497A on January 24, 2014, by the Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board").
2. Respondent's address on file with the Board is 1527 North State Road 25, Logansport, Indiana 46947.

3. This Board has jurisdiction to suspend Respondent's license in accordance with Ind. Code 4-21.5-4 et seq. and Ind. Code 25-1-9-10.

4. On or about January 2, 2018, Shaun Wolfe ("Wolfe") contacted the Cass County Sheriff's Department and reported that Respondent, who he stated was his ex-girlfriend, had been selling narcotics which she had diverted from her employer, Chase Center Nursing and Rehabilitation Center ("Chase"), a health facility located in Logansport, Indiana.

5. On or about January 2, 2018, Wolfe was interviewed by Officer Nicholas Bowyer ("Officer Bowyer"). During the course of the interview, Officer Bowyer stated the following:

- a. About a year ago, Wolfe had discovered narcotics in his house. Respondent told him that she had taken them from Chase;
- b. At that time, Respondent had told Wolfe that she needed money, so she and another Chase employee had been selling narcotics that they took from Chase;
- c. Wolfe had ended his relationship with Respondent a few weeks prior, and Respondent had contacted him and asked to come get something from his home;
- d. Wolfe asked Respondent what items she had left at the home and Respondent was evasive; and
- e. Wolfe then searched his home and found narcotics hidden in a thermos in his garage.

6. On or about January 2, 2018, Wolfe provided Officer Bowyer with the narcotics he had found in his garage. The following narcotics were collected:

- a. Three (3) 100mcg fentanyl patches;
- b. Three (3) 25 mcg fentanyl patches;
- c. Five (5) 12 mcg fentanyl patches;

- d. 1 (10 ml) lidocaine vial;
- e. Fifty (50) 50 mg Nucynta tapentadol tablets;
- f. Fifty (50) 50 mg alprazolam tablets;
- g. Twenty (20) 10 mg/325 mg acetaminophen/hydrocodone tablets;
- h. Forty-nine (49) 5 mg/325 mg acetaminophen/hydrocodone tablets;
- i. Seventy-eight (78) 50 mg tramadol tablets; and
- j. Ninety-five (95) .5 mg clonazepam tablets.

7. On or about January 4, 2018, Officer Bowyer interviewed Respondent. Officer Bowyer documented that Respondent admitted to taking narcotics that were to be wasted at Chase, but stated she only did so at the direction of Wolfe. Respondent also stated she had not diverted for about six (6) months and that she and Wolfe had broken up because she refused to continue taking narcotics from her employer.

8. On or about January 18, 2018, Respondent appeared and provided testimony before the Board. During her testimony, she made the following statements.

- a. Respondent admitted that she that she had diverted medications from Chase beginning in April 2017, but stated that she had only done so at Wolfe's insistence;
- b. Respondent admitted that she had taken the medications in the photo labelled as State's Exhibit B from Chase;
- c. Respondent stated that she believed that Wolfe had sold some of the medications, but stated that she was not involved in the sales, and did not know who purchased the medications;

- d. Respondent stated that most of the medications she had taken from Chase were recovered by Officer Bowyers;
- e. Respondent stated that Wolfe had been physically abusive to her, and that she had taken out a protective order against him;
- f. Respondent stated she had filed battery charges against Wolfe;
- g. Respondent stated that she had only taken medications that were to be wasted at Chase;
- h. Respondent stated that she made sure to waste medications with nurses who she knew would not watch the entire process so she could divert the medications; and
- i. Respondent stated that at the time she diverted the medications, she knew they would be sold.

9. All of the conduct described above constitutes a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety should Respondent be allowed to practice as a nurse in the State of Indiana.

WHEREFORE, RESPONDENT IS ORDERED to immediately cease all acts constituting the practice of nursing for a period of 90 days from the date of this Order.

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SO ORDERED, this 21st day of August 2018; this Order is effective as of July 19,
2018.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Maureen Bennett
for Kim Cooper, R.N.
Board President
Indiana State Board of Nursing

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Summary Suspension Extension Order" has been duly served upon:

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