

BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2007NB 045

STATE OF INDIANA,

Petitioner,

v.

JOHNNIE PEOPLES, R.N.
LICENSE NUMBER: 28165552A,

Respondent.

FILED

MAY 15 2007

Indiana Professional
Licensing Agency

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

The Indiana State Board Of Nursing ("Board"), pursuant to the authority of Indiana Code § 4-21.5-4-1 *et seq.* and Indiana Code § 25-1-9-10, by a vote of 7-0-0, at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 19, 2007, at the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204, **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license held by Johnnie Peoples, R.N., ("Respondent") for 90 days as the Board finds that an emergency exists and that the 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 was represented by Shelley M. Johnson, Deputy Attorney General. The Respondent failed to appear in person or by counsel.

This NON-FINAL emergency order is based on evidence presented by the State of Indiana and the following:

1. Respondent's Michigan nursing license was summarily suspended on November 7, 2005. On or about February 23, 2006, the Disciplinary Subcommittee in

Michigan Ordered that Respondent's Michigan license to practice nursing be suspended for a minimum of six (6) months effective the date of that Order. Respondent had been non-compliant with the Health Professional Recovery Program in Michigan, and his case was closed.

2. Prior to this, on or about January 2, 2002, in Wayne County, Michigan, Respondent was convicted with one misdemeanor count of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated.

3. On or about April 23, 2002, in Washtenaw County, Michigan, Respondent was arrested and subsequently charged with one count of Combined Operating Under the Influence of Liquor and Unlawful Bodily Alcohol Content.

4. Respondent was granted an unrestricted license by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency in August 2005 when he failed to disclose on his Indiana application for licensure that he had been arrested twice in 2002 for alcohol related crimes. Respondent's file with the Michigan Health Professional Recovery Program was closed for failure to enter long term residential treatment after relapse and positive urine drug screens for alcohol and an admission that he uses alcohol "socially." Respondent had several issues of non-compliance with the program including a positive urine drug screen for cocaine. Respondent's diagnosis is alcohol dependence.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent shall immediately surrender all indicia of licensure, including his pocket license and wall license, to the Board in care of

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072,
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

SO ORDERED, this 15 day of May, 2007.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: 

Frances L. Kelly
Executive Director
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

Copies to:

Johnnie Peoples
1316 West Marshall
Ferndale, MI 48220

CERTIFIED MAIL NUMBER: 7005 3110 0002 4935 8024
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Deputy Attorney General Shelly M. Johnson
Office of the Attorney General
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street, Fifth Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2770