

**BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING  
CAUSE NUMBER: 2017 NB 0227**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:     )**  
**BRANDY M. PURDUE, L.P.N.,             )**  
**LICENSE NO: 27066921A                 )**



**ORDER EXTENDING SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

The Indiana State Board of Nursing (“Board”) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2018, in Conference Room B of the Indiana Government Center South, 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 8-0-0, **EXTENDS the SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the license held by Brandy M. Purdue, L.P.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 Paul J. Schilling, Deputy Attorney General. Respondent failed to appear.

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

1. Respondent is a Licensed Practical Nurse (“LPN”) in the State of Indiana, having been granted LPN License Number 27066921A on May 11, 2011, by the Indiana State Board of Nursing (“Board”).
2. Respondent’s address on file with the Board is 8109 Whitaker Valley Road, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

3. On or about June 24, 2016, Respondent was hired as a nurse at Plainfield Health Care Center ("PHCC") a nursing care and rehabilitation facility located in Plainfield, Indiana.

4. On or about July 26, 2017, PHCC's Pharmacy Manager informed Lisa Dalton, PHCC's Director of Nursing ("Dalton"), that an audit revealed Respondent had an inordinate amount (3000) of various narcotics that were pulled "as needed" since April 2017.

5. PHCC initiated an investigation.

6. Several blank controlled substance control sheets were found in the PHCC shred bins. The dates and medications dispensed matched the dates Respondent worked and corresponded with the patients and medications Respondent pulled from the Automatic Dispensing Unit ("ADU").

7. Further investigation revealed that Respondent often pulled medications for patients that were not assigned to her or that were non-verbal.

8. On July 27, 2017, Dalton asked Respondent to report to her office prior to Respondent beginning her 3 P.M. shift.

9. PHCC notified the Plainfield Police Department ("PPD"). PPD Officer Harris, detained Respondent for suspected theft of a controlled substance and transported Respondent to the PPD station.

10. Respondent was interviewed by PPD LT Fowler ("Fowler"). Fowler advised Respondent of her Miranda rights. Respondent waived her rights and provided a statement.

11. Respondent admitted to taking "5-10 pills a day" over the course of the "last three (3) months."

12. Respondent also stated that her prescription drug addiction started when she was prescribed pills for her back and tooth pain.

13. Respondent further stated that she was taking pills for depression and after recent break up with her boyfriend.

14. Respondent consented to a vehicle search.

15. PPD detectives searched Respondent's vehicle. Inside Respondent's vehicle, several pills were found, including one (1) pill (hydrocodone) in a plastic bag; fifty-five (55) gray pills (Oxycodone Hydrochloride) in a vial; one (1) empty Alixia blister pack and one (1) Alixia controlled substance accountability sheet printed by PHCC's ADU.

16. The evidence obtained in the search was collected as evidence.

17. Respondent was arrested and charged with theft.

18. On July 27, 2017, PHCC terminated Respondent for diverting narcotics.

19. On or about August 24, 2017, Respondent was charged with Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud or Deceit, a Level 6 Felony; Possession of a Narcotic Drug, a Level 6 Felony and Theft, a Class A Misdemeanor, under Cause No. 32C01-1708-F6-000852 in Hendricks County Circuit Court, located in Danville, Indiana. The charges, which are still pending, are directly related to her diversion of narcotics at PHCC.

20. As of September 15, 2017, Respondent made contact with ISNAP but refused to enroll, as ISNAP would not permit her to use methadone or suboxone. Respondent informed ISNAP that she is being treated with methadone at Indiana Treatment Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

21. Respondent is currently facing felony criminal charges based on allegations of diversion in the scope of her employment as a nurse. Respondent is not enrolled in ISNAP and may or may not be seeking treatment for her admitted substance abuse. If allowed to continue to

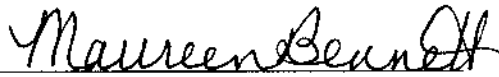

practice, her conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger to the health and safety of the public.

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10 and based upon the above stated facts, the Board finds that Respondent presents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue to practice nursing 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.

**SO ORDERED**, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018; this **Order is effective as of May 17, 2018.**

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

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