

STATE OF INDIANA, )  
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 Petitioner, )  
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 v. )  
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 VALORA D. ROARK, L.P.N. )  
 License Number: 27048533A, )  
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 Respondent. )

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**FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER**

The Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board"), held an administrative hearing on April 17, 2003 in the Auditorium of the Conference Center, Indiana Government Center South 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, concerning a disciplinary complaint filed against Valora D. Roark, L.P.N. ("Respondent").

The State of Indiana was represented by Deputy Attorney General James R. Holden. The Respondent failed to appear in person or by counsel.

The Board, after considering the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, by a vote of 8-0-0, found the Respondent to be in default. The Board then held further proceedings in Respondent's absence, and, by a vote of 8-0-0, issues the following Findings of Fact and Order:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board has jurisdiction to decide this matter, conduct a hearing, and impose discipline upon Respondent's nursing license in accordance with Indiana Code §25-1 *et. seq.* and Indiana Code §25-23-1-7. Respondent was provided adequate notice of the final hearing in accordance with Indiana Code §4-21.5-3-8 and Indiana Code §4-21.5-3-20.

2. Respondent's address on file with the Board is 3050 S. Roena St. and she is a duly licensed practical nurse holding Indiana license number 27048533A.

3. On or about August 23, 2002, Respondent's employer St. Vincent Hospital referred Respondent to ISNAP following her admission to hospital management that she had diverted medication.

4. Respondent signed a monitoring contract with ISNAP on September 12, 2002. On November 26, 2002, ISNAP staff received a call from Respondent's worksite monitor regarding her failure to show up for work when scheduled and general erratic behavior. ISNAP staff attempted to contact the Respondent by phone and mail. The only reply received was a voice mail from the Respondent in which she stated that she was "quitting nursing."

5. On December 12, 2002, ISNAP staff closed Respondent's file for non-compliance and referred the matter to the Office of the Attorney General.

5. The State of Indiana filed its Complaint on February 17, 2003.

6. On or about March 4, 2003, the Health Professions Bureau sent a notice to the Respondent, by certified mail to her address on file, of the date and time of the administrative hearing scheduled for March 20, 2003. Said notice was returned and marked "unclaimed".

7. Pursuant to Indiana Code §4-21.5-3-20, Respondent was provided adequate notice of the final hearing date and failed to appear for the scheduled hearing on October 17, 2002.

8. On March 28, 2003, the Board issued a notice of Proposed Default Order. That notice was mailed by certified and regular mail to the Respondent at her last known address. Notice was signed for by Respondent on April 2, 2003.

9. Respondent did not file a written motion requesting the proposed default order not be imposed or state grounds relied upon within seven (7) days pursuant to Ind. Code §4-21.5-3-24.