

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF )  
STEPHANIE MICHELLE SECREST, L.P.N., )  
LICENSE NUMBER: 27052578A )



**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

The State of Indiana (hereinafter “Petitioner”), by counsel, Deputy Attorney General Aaron Milewski, on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, and pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-7-7, Ind. Code § 25-1-5, Ind. Code § 25-23-1-7, the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3, and Ind. Code § 25-1-9, files its Complaint against the Indiana nursing license of Stephanie Michelle Secrest, L.P.N. (“Respondent”), and in support alleges and states the following:

**FACTS**

1. Respondent is a Licensed Practical Nurse (“LPN”) in the State of Indiana, having been granted LPN License Number 27052578A on August 29, 2003, by the Indiana State Board of Nursing (“Board”).
2. Respondent’s address on file with the Board is 207 South Horace Street, Jasonville, Indiana 47438.
3. In October of 2015, Respondent was hired as a nurse at McCormick’s Creek Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing (“McCormick’s Creek”), a nursing home in Spencer, Indiana.
4. On or about December 28, 2015, Respondent received a written disciplinary warning for administering 0.50mL of Roxanol to a resident, V.K., whose prescribed dosage was only 0.25mL. V.K.’s narcotics sheet shows Respondent dispensed twice V.K.’s prescribed dose on three (3) separate occasions.

5. On or about September 13, 2016, Respondent received a written disciplinary warning for administering medications to a patient from a discontinued prescription. Specifically, Resident W.L.'s prescription for Clonazepam was discontinued by her physician on August 22, 2016. Between August 23 and September 6 of 2016, Respondent dispensed Clonazepam to W.L. on seven (7) separate occasions.

6. On or about November 1, 2016, Respondent renewed her nursing license online.

7. While completing the renewal questionnaire, Respondent answered "NO" to question number 5, which reads: "Since you last renewed, have you ever been terminated, reprimanded, disciplined, or demoted in the scope of your practice as a Nurse or as another health care professional?"

8. Respondent's negative response on her November 1, 2016 renewal application failed to disclose the two (2) written disciplinary notices she received since her last renewal.

9. On or about April 11, 2017, Respondent received a written disciplinary warning for failing to properly document a resident fall.

10. On or about May 23, 2017, another nurse at McCormick's Creek discovered that narcotics were missing and made a report to McCormick's Creek management.

11. After a complete narcotics review, the McCormick's Creek Director of Nursing discovered a number of narcotics documentation errors associated with Respondent. Specifically, during April and May of 2017, Respondent dispensed twenty (20) tablets of Tramadol to a resident, P.D., with a prescription for one (1) tablet every eight (8) hours as needed ("PRN"). Only one (1) of the twenty (20) tablets was recorded on the Medication Administration Record ("MAR") for P.D.

12. On or about May 26, 2017, Respondent was terminated from McCormick's Creek for improperly documenting narcotics administration and for delaying drug testing requested by McCormick's Creek during its investigation of the missing narcotics.

#### **VIOLATION I**

13. Paragraphs 1 through 12 are incorporated by reference herein.

14. Respondent's actions constitute a violation of Inc. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(B) in that Respondent has become unfit to practice due to failure to keep abreast of current professional theory or practice as evidenced by Respondent's improper administration of medications in excess of the prescribed dosage, improper administration of medications pursuant to a discontinued prescription, failure to properly document a patient fall, and failure to document administered medications on the MAR.

#### **VIOLATION II**

15. Paragraphs 1 through 12 are incorporated by reference herein.

16. Respondent's actions constitute a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) in that Respondent has knowingly violated any state statute or rule, or federal statute or regulation, regulating the profession in question as evidenced by Respondent using unsafe judgment, technical skills, or inappropriate interpersonal behaviors in providing nursing care in violation of 848 IAC 2-2-3(1), as evidenced by Respondent's improper administration of medications in excess of the prescribed dosage and improper administration of medications pursuant to a discontinued prescription.

#### **VIOLATION III**

17. Paragraphs 1 through 12 are incorporated by reference herein.

18. Respondent's actions constitute a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) in that Respondent has knowingly violated any state statute or rule, or federal statute or regulation, regulating the profession in question as evidenced by Respondent falsifying, omitting, or destroying documentation of nursing actions on the official patient/client record in violation of 848 IAC 2-2-3(6), as evidenced by Respondent's failure to document a patient fall and failure to document administered medications on the MAR.

#### VIOLATION VI

19. Paragraphs 1 through 12 are incorporated by reference herein.

20. Respondent's actions constitute a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(1)(A) in that Respondent has engaged in or knowingly cooperated in fraud or material deception in order to obtain a license to practice as evidenced by Respondent failing to disclose the fact that she had been disciplined since her last renewal.

**WHEREFORE**, Petitioner demands an order against Respondent that:

1. Imposes the appropriate disciplinary sanction;
2. Directs Respondent to immediately pay all costs incurred in the prosecution of the case; and
3. Provides any further relief as the Board deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing "Complaint" has been served upon the Respondent at the address listed below, by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, on this 26 day of June, 2018.

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