

BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2017 NB 0223

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:)
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MELODY L. HELMBRECHT, L.P.N.,)
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LICENSE NO: 27057981A)

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Indiana Professional
Licensing Agency

SUMMARY SUSPENSION EXTENSION ORDER

The Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board"), pursuant to the authority of Ind. Code § 4-21.5-4-1 and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10, by a vote of 5-0-0, at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 17, 2019, in Auditorium of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the nursing license held by Melody L. Helmbrecht, L.P.N. ("Respondent"), for an additional period of 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 continue to practice as a nurse in the State of Indiana.

The State of Indiana was represented by Tina L. Mann, Deputy Attorney General. Respondent failed to appear in person or by counsel.

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

1. Respondent is a Licensed Practical Nurse ("L.P.N.") in the State of Indiana having been issued license number 27057981A by examination on September 8, 2006.
2. Respondent's address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency ("IPLA") is 2910 South Ruston Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714.
3. An additional known address is the Vanderburgh County Detention Center located at 3500 North Harlan Ave., Evansville, Indiana, 47711.
4. This Board has jurisdiction to suspend the Respondent's license in accordance

with the provisions of Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-4 and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10.

5. On or about August 3, 2017, Respondent was charged in Vanderburgh County Indiana with one (1) count of Battery on a Disabled Person, a level 5 felony, and one (1) count of Neglect of a Dependent, as a level 6 Felony, in Cause Number 82D03-1708-F5-004645.

6. On June 12, 2018, Respondent was sentenced to two years to be served as follows: One (1) year executed in the department of corrections and One (1) year executed in the Vanderburgh County Therapeutic Work Release Program.

7. Respondent is currently on Work Release through the Vanderburgh County Therapeutic Work Release Program.

8. On September 21, 2017, the Board voted to summarily suspend Respondent's license for a period of ninety (90) days. This summary suspension expired on December 20, 2017.

9. On December 17, 2017, the Board voted to extend the summary suspension of Respondent's license for an additional ninety (90) days. This summary suspension extension expired on March 17, 2018.

10. On March 15, 2018, the Board voted to extend the summary suspension of Respondent's license for an additional ninety (90) days. This summary suspension extension expired on June 13, 2018.

11. On June 21, 2018, the Board voted to extend the summary suspension of Respondent's license for an additional ninety (90) days. This summary suspension extension expired on September 18, 2018.

12. On September 20, 2018, the board voted to extend the summary suspension of Respondent's license for an additional ninety (90) days. This summary suspension extension

expired on December 19, 2018.

13. On January 17, 2018, the Board voted to extend the summary suspension of Respondent's license for an additional ninety (90) days. This summary suspension extension will expire on April 17, 2019.

14. Based on the facts stated above, Respondent presents a clear and immediate danger to the public's health and safety if allowed to continue to practice nursing in Indiana.

WHEREFORE, RESPONDENT IS ORDERED to immediately cease and desist all acts constituting the practice of Nursing for an additional period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Order. This Order will expire on April 17, 2019

SO ORDERED, this 5th day of March, 2019; this **Order is effective as of the 17th day of January, 2019.**

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


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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