

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH**

In re: Maureen Mattia, RN

Petition No. 2006-1018-010-089

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Maureen Mattia:

COUNT ONE

1. Maureen Mattia of North Haven, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number E50261.
2. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a nurse instructor at Stone Academy in Hamden, Connecticut.
3. On or about July 16, 1997, the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") ordered a Consent Order in Petition Number 970423-010-027 (hereinafter "the Consent Order") that placed respondent's registered nurse license on probation for a period of four years effective August 1, 1997. Such disciplinary action was based upon respondent's admitted abuse of alcohol, Percocet, Demerol, clonazepam, and Xanax, diversions of Percocet, Demerol, clonazepam, and Xanax, and falsification of controlled substance records.
4. Said Consent Order specifically provided that respondent:
 - a. not obtain or use controlled substances legend drugs or alcohol unless prescribed for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care provider;
 - b. submit to random observed urine screens for drugs and alcohol;
 - c. immediately refrain from the practice of nursing for a period of forty-five days if requested to do so by the Department of Public Health if she violated a term of the Consent Order.
5. On January 17, 2001, the Board issued a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2000-0302-010-009 (hereinafter "the first MOD") in which it ordered that the probation of respondent's license be extended until January 2003. The first MOD was based upon findings that respondent had violated the terms of the Consent Order in that respondent had tested positive for alcohol and had failed to cease work when requested to do so by the Department.

6. The first MOD extended the terms of the probation until January 2003, including the requirement that respondent not obtain for personal use any drug that had not been prescribed for her for a legitimate purpose by a licensed health care practitioner authorized to prescribe medications.
7. On July 17, 2002, the Board issued a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2001-1227-010-075 (hereinafter "the second MOD") in which it ordered that respondent's license be placed on probation for a period of four years effective when signed by the Board. The second MOD was based upon findings that respondent had violated the terms of her probation in that in December 2001, respondent tested positive for cocaine.
8. On September 9, 2002, respondent signed a Voluntary Surrender in Petition No. 2002-0814-010-065, while an investigation was pending concerning her compliance with the terms of her probation.
9. On October 19, 2005, the Board issued a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2005-0202-010-015 (hereinafter "the third MOD") in which it ordered that respondent's license be reinstated with four years of probation. The third MOD was based upon respondent's request that the Board reinstate her license and the Board's findings, after a hearing, that respondent was able to practice as a registered nurse with reasonable skill and safety.
10. The third MOD specifically provided that respondent submit to random observe urine screens and that she not obtain for personal use any drug that had not been prescribed for her for a legitimate purpose by a licensed health care practitioner authorized to prescribe medications.
11. On or about September 29, 2006, respondent refused to submit to a urine screen ordered by her therapist
12. On or about October 2, 2006, respondent submitted to a urine screen that tested positive for cocaine.
13. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the third MOD, and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-17 and 20-99(b).

COUNT TWO

14. Paragraphs 1 through 12 are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
15. Respondent's abuse of cocaine does and/or may affect her practice as a nurse.
16. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b)(5).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized in §§19a-17 and 20-99(b), revoke or order other disciplinary action against the registered nurse license of Maureen Mattia as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 14 day of November 2006.



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