

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

In re: Gwynedd Hight-Rosshirt, R.N.

Petition No. 2005-0804-010-064

**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 Gwynedd Hight-Rosshirt:

**COUNT ONE**

1. Gwynedd Hight-Rosshirt of Somers (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number E52771.
2. From approximately 2000 through 2002, while working as a registered nurse for Professional Home Care in New Britain, respondent:
  - a. diverted IV morphine;
  - b. failed to completely, properly and/or accurately document medical or hospital records; and/or,
  - c. falsified one or more Controlled Substance Receipt Records.
3. From approximately 2000 through 2002 respondent abused or utilized to excess morphine.
4. Respondent's abuse of morphine does, and/or may, affect her practice as a registered nurse.
5. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to:
  - a. §20-99(b)(2);
  - b. §20-99(b)(5); and/or
  - c. §20-99(b)(6).

**COUNT TWO**

6. Paragraph one is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

7. From approximately 2003 through June 2005, while working as a registered nurse at Blair Manor in Enfield, respondent:
  - a. diverted Vicodin, Dilaudid, Percocet and/or Duragesic patches;
  - b. failed to completely, properly and/or accurately document medical or hospital records; and/or,
  - c. falsified one or more Controlled Substance Receipt Records.
8. From approximately 2003 through June 2005 respondent abused or utilized to excess Vicodin, Dilaudid, Percocet and/or Duragesic patches.
9. Respondent's abuse of Vicodin, Dilaudid, Percocet and/or Duragesic patches does, and/or may, affect her practice as a registered nurse.
10. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to:
  - a. §20-99(b)(2);
  - b. §20-99(b)(5); and/or
  - c. §20-99(b)(6).

### **COUNT THREE**

11. Paragraph one is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
12. From approximately 2003 through June 2005, respondent received Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid and/or Percocet in the mail from a relative, who obtained prescriptions for these controlled substances from a physician.
13. From approximately 2003 through June 2005, respondent has abused or utilized to excess Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid and/or Percocet.
14. Respondent's abuse of Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid and Percocet does, and/or may, affect her practice as a registered nurse.
15. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to:
  - a. §20-99(b)(5).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§20-99(b) and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the license of Gwynedd Hight-Rosshirt as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2005.



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Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations  
Healthcare Systems Branch