

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

In re: Christa J. Zucco, R.N.

Petition No. 2004-0630-010-058

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 Christa J. Zucco:

COUNT ONE

1. Christa J. Zucco of Falls Village (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nursing license number E53705.
2. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Sharon Hospital, in Sharon, Connecticut.
3. From about May 2002 through about November 2003, while working as a registered nurse at Sharon Hospital, respondent:
 - a. diverted 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.
4. From about May 2002 through about November 2003, respondent abused or utilized to excess morphine.
5. Respondent's abuse of morphine does, and/or may, affect her practice as a registered nurse.
6. 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); and/or,
 - b. §20-99(b)(5).

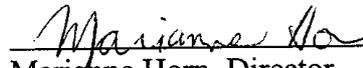
COUNT TWO

7. Paragraph 1 is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
8. From April 2004 through about June 2004 respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Canaan, Connecticut.
9. From about April 2004 through about June 2004, respondent abused or utilized to excess cocaine, marijuana and/or alcohol.
10. Respondent's abuse of cocaine, marijuana and/or alcohol does, and/or may, affect her practice as a registered nurse.
11. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to §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 Christa J. Zucco as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 9th day of May 2005.



Marianne Horn, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation
Bureau of Healthcare Systems