

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

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IN RE:

Katherine Kristan
44 Hartl Road
Vernon, CT 06066
1983 - 1011 - 010 - 025

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Board of Examiners for Nursing was presented by the Department of Health Services with a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges dated February 21, 1984.

The Statement of Charges alleged violations of certain provisions of Chapter 378, Connecticut General Statutes. The Notice of Hearing provided that the hearing would take place on March 13, 1984 in the State Armory, at 360 Broad Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Each member of the Board of Examiners for Nursing involved in this decision attests that he/she has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record.

FACT

1. Katherine Kristan, respondent, was at all pertinent times licensed to practice nursing as a registered nurse in Connecticut, with registration number R-20101.

2. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 4-182(c), the respondent was provided a full opportunity prior to the institution of agency action to show compliance with all the terms for the retention of her license.

3. The respondent: a) on or about September 21, 1982, January 8, February 5, February 8, February 17, March 21, April 21, May 7, May 28,

1983 obtained the controlled substance Percodan by forgery of a prescription; and b) from September 1982 until May 1983 abused drugs and/or alcohol.

4. The activities referenced in paragraph three (3) were discovered by Drug Control Agent Raymond A. DaDalt on August 2, 1983 during a routine inspection of Vernon Drug, Tri-City Plaza, Vernon, Connecticut and investigations during August and September by Agent DaDalt and Drug Control Agent Francis Palozzolo.

DISCUSSION

5. Counts One through Nine allege that the respondent violated Section 20-99(b) and 21a-266 by obtaining the controlled substance Percodan by forgery of a prescription.

The Board finds from the facts that the respondent has violated Section 20-99(b) as specified in Counts One through Nine.

6. The Tenth Count alleges that the respondent violated Section 20-99(b) by failing to conform to accepted standards of care in the nursing profession by abuse of drugs and/or alcohol.

In pertinent part, Section 20-99(b) forbids: (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals.

The Board finds from the facts that the respondent has violated Section 20-99(b) as specified in the Tenth Count.

ORDER

7. It is the unanimous decision of the Board of Examiners for Nursing that:

- a. The license of the respondent be suspended for a minimum period of one (1) year determined as follows:

As to Counts One through Nine, suspension for a period of one (1) year.

As to the Tenth Count, suspension for a period of one (1) year.

The suspensions specified in (a) will run concurrently effective upon receipt of order.

- b. At the end of the one (1) year specified in (a) the respondent may request reinstatement.
- c. The Board recommends the respondent work with the Social Worker in an effort to resolve problems which led to her suspension.
8. The respondent, Katherine Kristan, is hereby directed to surrender her license and current registration to the Board of Examiners for Nursing at 150 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 upon receipt of this document.
9. The Board of Examiners for Nursing herewith advises the Department of Health Services of the State of Connecticut of this decision.

Dated at *Hartford*, Connecticut, this *18th* day of *September*, 19*84*

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BY: *Bette Jane M. Murphy RN*
Bette Jane M. Murphy, R.N., Chairman