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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

IN RE:

LAURA DAWKINS a/k/a Laura Dawkins Mostofi, R.N.  
797 Stowe Place  
Trumbull, Connecticut

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Board of Examiners for Nursing was presented by the Department of Health Services with a notice of hearing and complaint dated April 21, 1980.

The Statement of Charges alleged violations of certain provisions of Chapter 378, Conn. Gen. Stat. The notice of hearing provided that the hearing would take place on May 7, 1980 at 10:00 a.m., in the Department of Health Services at 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The hearing was subsequently held on June 18, 1980 at 10:30 a.m.

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. Laura Dawkins, R.N., the respondent, was licensed to practice nursing as a Registered Nurse in Connecticut, with registration number R-28199.

2. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 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 diverted quantities of fentanyl to her own use while working at Bristol Hospital beginning in January, 1980, and continuing through February, 1980.

4. The activity referenced in paragraph 3, supra, was discovered by drug control agent Henry Z. Karanian during an investigation which took place in February, 1980.

#### DISCUSSION

5. Section 20-99, Conn. Gen. Stat., provides that the Board of Examiners for Nursing may revoke or suspend the license of any person licensed to practice nursing for:

"... (b) (2) incompetence or habitual negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions; ... (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals;..."

6. The inescapable conclusion to draw from the above facts is that the respondent has violated the provisions of § 20-99.

#### ORDER

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

a.) The license of the respondent, Laura Dawkins, be suspended for a period of one (1) year commencing August 1, 1980; and

b.) The license of the respondent be restored at the end of the one year suspension on the condition that the respondent submit a report from a drug counsellor that she has

no drug dependency. In addition, the respondent must submit evidence that her nursing skills and knowledge are current.

8. The Board of Examiners for Nursing herewith advises the Department of Health Services of the State of Connecticut of this decision and directs that the certificate of registration license of Laura Dawkins be suspended in accordance herewith.

Dated at Hartford , Connecticut, this 23rd day of July , 1980.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

BY:

Bette Jane Murphy, R.N.  
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Chairperson