

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

In re: Kathleen Wentworth, R.N.

Petition No. 2007-0131-010-010

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 Kathleen Wentworth:

COUNT ONE

1. Kathleen Wentworth of South Windsor, CT (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number R37177.
 2. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter "the Hospital").
 3. From in or about October 2006 to in or about January 2007, while working as a registered nurse at the Hospital, respondent:
 - a. diverted Demerol, Dilaudid and/or morphine;
 - b. failed to completely, properly and/or accurately document medical or hospital records; and/or,
 - c. utilized Pyxis security code(s) assigned to other nurse(s) to withdraw Dilaudid and/or morphine injectibles from the Pyxis machine.
 4. From in or about October 2006 to in or about January 2007, respondent abused or utilized to excess Demerol, Dilaudid and/or morphine.
 5. Respondent's abuse of Demerol, Dilaudid and/or 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);
 - b. §20-99(b)(5); and/or,
 - c. §20-99(b)(6).
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SECOND COUNT

7. Paragraphs 1 and 2 are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
8. On or about August 17, 2005, the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") ordered a Consent Order in Petition Number 2005-0303-010-025 (hereinafter "the Consent Order") that placed respondent's registered nursing license on probation for a period of four (4) years. Such disciplinary action was based upon respondent's admitted diversions of morphine, Dilaudid and/or Demerol, and falsification of controlled substance records.
9. Said Consent Order specifically provided, among other things, that respondent shall not obtain or use controlled substances in any form unless prescribed or recommended for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care professional authorized to prescribe medications.
10. On or about January 30, 2007, respondent was terminated from employment at the Hospital for admitting to diverting drugs for her own use, including Demerol, morphine and/or Dilaudid.
11. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Consent Order, and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-17 and 20-99(b).

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 Kathleen Wentworth as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 1st day of March 2007.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
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