

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

In re: William J. LaCourse, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2004-0817-011-017

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 William J. LaCourse:

COUNT ONE

1. William J. LaCourse of Hartford (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nurse license number 013445.
2. Respondent was employed as a licensed practical nurse at Park Place Health Center, Hartford, Connecticut, from approximately March 1985 to May 15, 2003.
3. During at least 1998 and 2003 respondent abused or utilized to excess alcohol.
4. Respondent was arrested for DWI in approximately 1998 and May 2003.
5. On or about August 24, 2003, respondent was arrested at his home by the Avon Police Department for evading responsibility after an automobile collision. Respondent was found to be heavily intoxicated in his garage with the vehicle running, and was taken to John Dempsey Hospital under an emergency committal status following a suicide attempt via carbon monoxide poisoning.
6. Respondent's driver's license was suspended on August 3, 1998, June 24, 2003 and February 11, 2004 for operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor, refusal to undergo a chemical alcohol test, failing a chemical alcohol test and operating a vehicle without a valid license or registration.
7. From approximately January 7, 2004 to June 4, 2004, respondent was incarcerated at Webster Correctional Institution for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor or drugs.
8. Respondent's abuse of alcohol does, and/or may, affect his practice as a licensed practical nurse.

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9. 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-(2); and/or
 - b. §20-(5).

COUNT TWO

10. Paragraphs one and two are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
11. Respondent suffers from psychiatric conditions including depression, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, eating disorder, and social phobia.
12. From approximately August 25, 2003 to September 3, 2003, respondent was admitted to John Dempsey Hospital following a suicide attempt and referred to the Adult Day Treatment Program at the Institute of Living from September 17, 2003 to October 30, 2003.
13. 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)(4).

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 William J. LaCourse as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 4th day of January 2005.

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

Wendy H. Furness, RNC, M.S.
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