

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

In re: Jessica Blanchette, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2008-0813-011-042

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

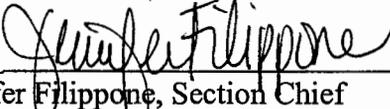
Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Jessica Blanchette:

1. Jessica Blanchette of Meriden (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nurse license number 028135.
2. On February 6, 2008, the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") issued a Memorandum of Decision in Petition Number 2006-0714-011-022 ("the MOD") which placed respondent's license on probation for four years. Such disciplinary action was based on proof of insurance fraud, illegal drug possession and possession of controlled drugs, illegally obtaining prescription drugs, criminal attempt to possess a controlled drug, criminal attempt to obtain a prescription drug, criminal attempt to commit forgery, larceny, forgery and abuse of Roxicodone and Oxycontin.
3. The MOD specifically requires respondent to engage in therapy and counseling and to submit to weekly urine screens for drugs and alcohol during the first and fourth years of the probationary period and two screens per month during the second and third years; and that all screens shall be negative for the presence of drugs and alcohol.
4. Respondent failed to meet with a therapist or submit to any urine screens until April 29, 2008.
5. Respondent's screening monitor failed to call respondent for screens for five weeks during May, June and July 2008, and neither the monitor nor respondent notified the Department of the missed screens.
6. Of the twenty-four screens that should have been conducted between February 15, 2008 and August 1, 2008, only eight were done.
7. On July 1, 2008, respondent tested positive for Tramadol.
8. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Memorandum of Decision, 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 Jessica Blanchette as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 22nd day of August 2008.



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