

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

In re: Melanie T. Meade, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2007-0305-011-010

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

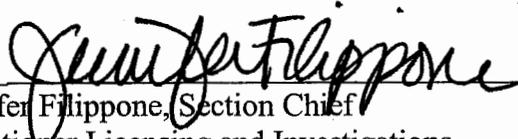
Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Melanie T. Meade:

1. Melanie T. Meade of Southington (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nursing license number 029033.
2. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a licensed practical nurse at The Summit of Plantsville, Plantsville, Connecticut.
3. From about September 2006 through about January 2007, while working as a licensed practical nurse at The Summit of Plantsville, respondent:
 - a. diverted Hydrocodone and/or Oxycodone;
 - b. failed to completely, properly and/or accurately document medical or hospital records; and/or,
 - c. falsified one or more Controlled Substance Receipt Records.
4. From about September 2006 through about January 2007, respondent abused or utilized to excess Hydrocodone and/or Oxycodone.
5. Respondent's abuse of Hydrocodone and/or Oxycodone does, and/or may, affect her practice as a licensed practical 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); and/or,
 - b. §20-99(b)(5).

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 Melanie T. Meade as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 27th day of June 2008.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
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