

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Nicole Santo, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2013-804

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

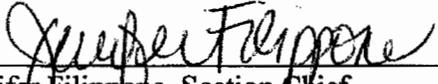
Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Nicole Santo:

1. Nicole Santo of Watertown, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nurse license number 031733.
2. On October 1, 2011, the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") ordered a Consent Order in Petition Number 2010-5596 (hereinafter "the Consent Order") that placed respondent's licensed practical nurse license on probation for a period of four years. Such disciplinary action was based upon respondent's use of controlled substances, to excess.
3. Said Consent Order specifically provided that respondent abstain from alcohol.
4. Said Consent Order specifically provided that respondent submit to observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol. Such screens are to be negative for the presence of alcohol.
5. In 2013, respondent abused or utilized to excess controlled substances and/or alcohol.
6. During July 2013, respondent's urine screen tested positive for alcohol.
7. Respondent's use and/or abuse of controlled substances and/or alcohol does, and/or may, affect her practice as a licensed practical nurse.
8. 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 Nicole Santo as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 11th day of September 2013.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch