

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Samantha Reeves

Date: 10/01/2020

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Matthew Clinton Reeves

License number of the defendant: 858104

Date action was taken against the license: 05/08/2018

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

Defendant Matthew Clinton Reeves on October 24th, 2015 attempted to obtain 120 tablets of Norco through the use of a fraudulent triplicate prescription. The prescription had been previously filled on September 19th, 2015. The defendant told the pharmacy tech that he was filling a prescription for his grandmother and that he would pay in cash instead of using insurance. While at work others noticed he had shaky hands, decreased job performance, dark circles under his eyes and off topic/random conversations. He was then asked to provide a urine sample for a drug screen test. He refused and stated that his hands have had a slight shake since he was little and that a primary care physician said it was "benign". He then claimed that an individual told him to acquire the medication or he wouldn't see his family. He also claims that he purposely tried to get the prescription rejected and that he didn't go to the police because he was embarrassed by his poor decisions and lack of evidence to find the man. He was charged with multiple violations those being 22 Tex. Admin. Code 217. 11 (1)(A) & (1)(B) and 22 Tex. Admin. Code 217.12 (1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(E), (4), (5)(A), (6)(H), (10)(E), (11) (B) & (13). He was put on probation for a minimum of two years and was required to fulfill the order given to him, his license was later revoked for not appearing in accordance with 22 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 213.

No harm came to a patient, but I think if he would have continued getting help for his addiction, then he could have been able to practice nursing in the state of Texas again. If he acknowledged that he had an addiction he could have gotten the help he needed before extreme measures were taken. I think the hospital could have gotten him some help earlier as well. If other nurses noticed the behaviors, they could have brought it up with their supervisors. That way before things became too severe, he could have been suspended from the hospital with mandatory counseling from a counselor in the hospital.

If I was the first person to discover the event that I previously described, I would first ask the nurse if they were doing okay and if our conversation lead me further to believe that they needed help. I would then tell them that they are displaying certain addiction symptoms and if they didn't take the conversation very well. I would contact my superior with my worry of their behavior and suggest that they should attend therapy and leave the actions up to them. I would also check on any patients they saw that day just to make sure they weren't in any

danger. I would continue to ask the person in question, if they were doing okay and express my worry. I would also want to make sure that the nurse didn't feel attacked but hope they would feel safety and trust when listening to what I have to suggested to them, for their benefit.