

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Sydney Sharp

Date: 10/25/20

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Antonette Pangan Castro

License number of the defendant: 908573

Date action was taken against the license: 11/13/2018

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations and Fine

After the event was reported to her, the Respondent failed to report the physical abuse of their patient by a Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) to the Director of Nursing (DON). The respondent did not notify the appropriate authorities about the abuse, this conduct created an unsafe environment for the patient by exposing them to physical and psychological harm.

In this situation, reporting the abuse to the correct authorities could have prevented this disciplinary action. I believe the proper action for this nurse should have been to assess her patient for signs of abuse and then report the incident to her charge nurse or DON whether she believed the abuse happened or not. Abuse is not something to be taken lightly and needs to be investigated at all costs. Reporting the incident of abuse to the charge nurse or DON would take the situation off of the nurse and into the hands of appropriate authorities so that it can be handled correctly. The respondent did not advocate for her patient in this situation. If abuse was reported, as a nurse, the respondent should have done all she could to make sure her patient felt safe and that she was not longer exposed to physical or psychological harm.

A prudent nurse would report the incident to the appropriate authorities, whether they believed abuse happened or not. A prudent nurse would be a patient advocate to make sure the proper steps are taken to ensure the patient is safe and feels safe under the care of their facility. The last thing I would want as a nurse is to keep my patient in an unsafe environment. As a prudent nurse I would know that it is not my job to investigate abuse but to report it so that it may be handled in a professional matter.