

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jennifer Whitworth-King Date: 10/22/20 DAS Assignment # ____4____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Jeffrey Lynn Worrell

License number of the defendant: 463732

Date action was taken against the license: March 14, 2018

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with stipulations

Mr. Worrell broke several policies on June 16, 2016 that lead to the harm of one of his patients. On this date, Mr. Worrell withdrew fentanyl and dilauded without documenting, he also dispensed more than the ordered dose, and administered to his patient causing his patient to go into respiratory distress and had to be resuscitated. He again failed to document the amount and frequency that was given to the patient and then failed to waste the excess amount of drugs. This was misappropriation of drugs and he caused a great deal of harm.

Mr. Worrells actions were completely unacceptable and completely avoidable had he just followed hospital policy as well as everything that is taught in nursing school. He disregarded all the steps that ensure the patients safety. From not following the doctors orders, to not following the instructions from the pyxis to not following hospital protocol. He showed gross negligence towards his patient which caused great harm and possibly death to his patient.

As a future nurse my duty is to protect my patients and any patient that I have contact with. If I had seen him taking the large amounts of medication I would have addressed the situation and educated him on the damages that he is about to cause. I would then notify the charge nurse and nurse manager of the situation. I feel this nurses License should have been taken away permanently. It was not just a mistake but purposely tried to cause harm to his patient in my opinion.