

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Zach trego Date: 05/23 DAS Assignment # 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Crippen, Megan Elizabeth License number of the defendant:

LVN 330339

Date action was taken against the license: 3/10/20

Type of action taken against the license: warning with stipulation

*Use the space below to describe the events which led to action taken against the license. If multiple charges were in play, be sure and cite them, e.g. drug diversion, HIPAA violation, abandonment, forfeiture on student loans, etc.*

The lvn was dealing with a difficult patient and applied a sedative medical gel to the patient that was not ordered.

*Use the space below to provide a description of measures you think could have prevented any action being taken against the license and/or would have prevented harm to the patient, if harm occurred.*

First the lvn absolutely should not have given medication that wasn't ordered to a patient. The lvn should have utilized restraining training if the patient was attacking others and relied on her team for help in this situation. The lvn should have continued to speak with the patient and attempt to calm the patient. The lvn should have also followed policy for their workplace on dealing with aggressive patients.

*Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first to person to discover the event described, in other words, you are the one who discovers the patient has been harmed by the nurse or you have discovered the impairment or criminal activity cited in the disciplinary action.*

If I was in this situation my first action would be to attempt talking the patient down. If the patient is causing harm to others or himself I would utilize restraining techniques and devices if absolutely necessary and according to policy. I believe a prudent nurse would also report the issue to the patient's doctor and see if the doctor wants to order a medication to help the patient. I would also ask the patient if they would take the oral medication that was already ordered and suggest an easier way of taking it such as adding it to a snack if possible. I would also attempt to engage the patient in their interests to help calm them. This patient is probably having an episode from their Alzheimer's and might be calmed

through recalling something familiar such as enjoyment of a sport or a card game. I would document anything that I found helpful with calming the patient.