

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Savannah Bruington

Date: 26th July, 2021

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: GABRIEL ARCECASTRO

License number of the defendant: 917899

Date action was taken against the license: 10 May, 2019

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary surrender of license.

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.

- This nurse was caught via video surveillance holding a patient's erect penis bare handed as well as placing the patient's own hand on the nurse's erect penis saying "It's your hand, you can do that, because it's your hand right?" The nurse admitted as well to "trying to bend the penis" of the patient while changing the patient's diaper. This article also stated that this nurse's actions were likely to cause emotional, physical, and/or psychological trauma to the patient. Later, this nurse was indicted on two counts of indecency with a child by contact to the second degree and indecency with a child by exposure.

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.

- Personally I do not see how this action could have been avoided other than saying this nurse should have had someone accompany him to help with patients more private procedures being carried out. However, this simply is not possible. Nurses cannot be babysat. This nurse committed a horrific act of indecency on an innocent individual. Even if this specific patient had asked for that duty to have been performed by the nurse, the nurse could not have indulged in the act.

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.

- Placing myself in this egregious situation is difficult. A flood of emotions would captivate me upon walking in on this scene or even hearing about it as my own work place. I would ensure that the patient was safe and remove the nurse from the room, If the nurse became defensive, I would call for help from within the room. Then I would probably call the police, notify my nurse manger as well as higher ups in the hospital, then I would ask how to go about notifying the family members if they were not already made aware. It would be very hard to not yell at this nurse in a different room they he just took

advantage of someone innocent; someone who did not know what was going on or how to even react. It would honestly break my heart for a while. I would recover. There are things I have already seen close to this scene and I do not feel it is bad to feel the pain and allow myself some time to wallow in the tragedies that humans can cause upon one another. I would pick myself up and carry on, I would do all I could to offer my condolences to the patient, or family members. I would also have the question rolling around in my head of, "what caused this nurse to commit such a crime against someone else? What horrors had he been exposed to for it to come out like this? Why did he think he could get away with this or worse yet, think he could keep getting away with?"