

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Robert Lindsey

License number of the defendant: 652908

Date action was taken against the license: 01/27/2012

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

The events which led to Robert Lindsey's voluntary surrender occurred when Mr. Lindsey had been reported by one of his patients he was caring for in hospice. The patient reported Lindsey for acting "drugged" and sleeping on the job. The act of not being cognitively aware in a professional healthcare setting can be dangerous for anyone put in this situation. However, not only was Lindsey not cognitively aware, but the same patient reported his medication of Dilaudid missing whenever Lindsey would pick it up from the pharmacy. There was also an instance where Lindsey blatantly asked his patient for 5 Dilaudid for another patient he had. This drug can be highly addictive and deathly which would explain the unusual behavior that Lindsey was portraying.

After reading this case and understanding the events that occurred, I think what could have been prevented was how easy it was for Lindsey to have access to such strong medications. The case says Lindsey would pick up the medications for his patient at the pharmacy; however, if the process were to change and Lindsey were to have a second witness which is done in most hospitals. What I also feel could have occurred was the patient reporting right away to the facility when Lindsey would show up "drugged" or when he would sleep. I'm unsure how this facility worked, but if Lindsey had co-workers who also viewed him under these conditions, they could have helped him out by leading him in the right direction.

In this case thankfully the patient was not harmed but did report the events that could have led to an injury to other patients. However, if I noticed the strange behavior that Lindsey was portraying before going to help patients, I would try to take over the patients Lindsey was watching and be sure to report his behavior to the nurse manager. If I had noticed the patient was not receiving all the medications, they were supposed to receive, and Lindsey was the nurse caring for these patients I would also report that. In some way I feel that Robert Lindsey still has a caring heart in the sense he voluntarily surrendered his license. Lindsey could have seriously injured his patients and developed a serious drug addiction which would have been easy to fulfill because of how accessible the drugs were. Even though he was reported, hopefully Lindsey was also able to see he was developing an addiction and putting patients in danger which is why he voluntarily surrendered his license. Hopefully Lindsey learned his lesson and is also keeping himself safe.