

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Mariah Mata

Date: 08/07/20201

DAS Assignment #: 2

Name of the defendant: Jody Lee Scott **License number of the defendant:** 696962

Date action was taken against the license: March 12th, 2015

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

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.

On September 30, 2014, the respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing by exhibiting impaired behavior while on duty. Scott had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and was acting tired one moment the "giddy" the next. The respondent later falsely documented on a controlled substance. Lastly the respondent misappropriated one vial of Demerol and three tabs of Hydrocodone 10 mg. Additionally, respondent admitted to taking the Hydrocodone tabs.

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.

I don't think there was enough time for actions to be taken that would've stopped the respondent for her actions. I think the respondent knew what she did was wrong and that is why she voluntarily surrendered her license and admitted to taking the Hydrocodone. If the respondent would've been sent home for her behavior maybe the Hydrocodone wouldn't have been taken.

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 the prudent nurse, I would have watched the respondent physical put the medicine back in the med room and report the incident. The charge nurse should be notified of the situation as well. If I would've seen how the nurse was acting and saw her bloodshot eyes, I would've question how she was feeling and notify the nurse manger. The nurse manager should then follow up and check in on the respondent and decide if she is capable of working.