

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Amy Maner Date: April 29, 2022 DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Deborah Gale Address License number of the defendant: 605298

Date action was taken against the license: 1-Sep-15

Type of action taken against the license: Section 301.453(c) of Texas Occupations Code; 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.

- 1) On August 10, 2012, Mrs. Address was issued an order of REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND FINE from the TBON. She was found guilty of providing false, deceptive, and/or misleading information on a License Renewal form around October 5, 2006. Previously, she had also found guilty of several THEFT charges and possession of 2 oz. of Marihuana.
- 2) On March 13, 2015, Mrs. Address pleaded guilty to and was convicted of THEFT (ENHANCED), a state felony offense committed on May 28, 2014. She was placed on probation for 4 years and was ordered to pay a fine, court costs, and restitution in the amount of \$107.96. Mrs. Address admitted to trying to steal items for a K-Mart on May 28, 2014.
- 3) Because of the actions in point 2, Mrs. Address expressed a desire to voluntary surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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. Consider which universal competencies were violated.

This case is a different one, since there were no patients involved. Mrs. Address's actions were committed outside the workplace, however they show a lot about her character. I believe that the actions taken against Mrs. Address were rightfully given and I believe she should have not been allowed to practice after the incidences seen in point 1 above. I do not believe that there was anything anyone else could have done to prevent Mrs. Address from committing these actions.

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.

Again, since this case has no evidence of patient harm or actions being committed inside the workplace, it is hard to say what I might have done. I believe that the actions taken by Mrs. Andress showed her true character and I believe that the Texas Board of Nursing should have been made aware of the circumstances well before 2012 and 2015. I hope that if I were in a position to have seen these actions committed that I would have not only called the TBON but also the police. A nurse who does not show integrity outside the workplace, shows me that they are more likely to not show integrity inside the workplace and will allow patients to potentially be harmed in the process.