

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Hans Burda

Date: 5/27/2022

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Goodchild, Lorraine Dawn

License number of the defendant: RN 696075

Date action was taken against the license: 12/28/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Enforced Suspension

*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.*

Lorraine Goodchild was charged with theft under \$2500 after she gave a friend a ride to Walmart. Her friend was the one stealing items and placing them in their backpack. Since she was seen arriving with the thief, both were charged. Goodchild must undergo a 3-year probation due to her criminal history, and is also in a residential program continuing behavioral health treatment.

*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.*

Goodchild's situation reveals that a nursing license can be revoked for something that doesn't even regard healthcare. It also reveals that being a law-abiding citizen on your own isn't enough to keep you from being criminally charged. To avoid any action taken against a nursing license, one must avoid associating oneself with others that may break the law.

The universal competency violated would be "Professional Role" because committing theft or associating yourself with a person committing theft negatively affects the others perception of the nurse in question.

*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.*

Although Goodchild's incident did not take place in the hospital, a prudent nurse would report theft in any setting. If a prudent nurse witnessed thievery in the hospital, they would immediately report the incident to the proper authorities. Even if the patients aren't directly harmed by the theft, a nurse without integrity is not a good nurse.