

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Victorya Pesina

Date: May 27, 2022

DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: J. Paul Drury

License number of the defendant: RN 577356

Date action was taken against the license: February 11, 2014

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulation

*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.*

The defendant, J. Paul Drury, did not respond to or assess a patient that fell and was bleeding. Mr. Drury was caught and issued a written reminder, but remained employed. Nearly a year later, another patient reported that they had had a stroke, lost feeling in their right side, could not swallow, and needed help. Mr. Drury failed to assess this patient. After no response was given to his request to move the patient to the infirmary, he scheduled the patient to meet the provider later on. There was no other record made about the patient until the next day when another nurse moved the patient to the emergency room. As a result of these incidents, the board required that Mr. Drury take four courses that focus on nurse jurisprudence and ethics, physical assessment over every body system, documentation, and sharpening critical thinking skills.

*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.*

Mr. Drury violated the universal competencies of safety and documentation. The first incident could have been avoided had he paid any attention to the patient. Mr. Drury need to focus on the patient's safety. The patient should have been monitored more closely, especially if the patient was at risk for falling. Mr. Drury put his patient in harms way. The patient could have bled out or hurt themselves further trying to get up. Mr. Drury should have assessed the patients' vital signs and where they were injured. In the second incident, Mr. Drury should continue to try and communicate with secretary to get the patient moved. At the very least, he should have monitored the patient more closely, because the patient had a stroke, lost feeling in the right side of their face, and was having trouble swallowing. The patient could have aspirated on their food or suffered other complications. The incident could have been prevented had Mr. Drury focused on the safety and wellbeing of his patient.

*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.*

A nurse who happened upon the first incident should report to the physician about the patient's accident. They would need to check the patients vital signs and assess the patient's injury. The nurse must document the results of their assessments. They should also report to the Nurse Supervisor that the Charge Nurse, Mr. Drury, was not paying attention to his patient. In the second incident, the nurse would also need to report Mr. Drury to the Nurse Supervisor. The nurse could also try and get the patient moved or at the very least call the physician to tell them of the patient's status. The nurse would need to assess the patient and document their findings.