

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: [Caelan Thuett](#) Date: [September 23, 2022](#) DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: [Dominy, Melvia J. F.](#) License number of the defendant: [RN 229908](#)

Date action was taken against the license: [12-Jun-12](#)

Type of action taken against the license: [Revoked](#)

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.

[Mrs. Dominy on or about May 5, 2011, turned a patient's telemetry alarms off for more than five hours and failed to notice the critical change in the patient's cardiac rhythm for twenty-three minutes. She was questioned about the change in the patient's cardiac rhythm and her response was "I just missed it. Bad me." The patient was later pronounced deceased six hours later.](#)

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.

[She should not have turned off the alarms to the telemetry for the patient. If the alarms were going off so much, she should have checked the patient and if nothing was wrong with the patient, she should have checked the equipment for malfunction. If she would have also investigated further with the symptoms of the patient's and taken vitals, she may have been able to save the patient's life. I believe that she had broken Safety and Security of the patient by turning off the alarms and by not checking vitals or signs and symptoms as well as allowing the patient to decline and unfortunately losing their life. She also broke Critical Thinking by just shutting off the equipment instead of investigating further.](#)

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.

[I would have asked Mrs. Dominy why she was turning the alarms off and to tell her to turn them back on. I would also have talked to her about the situation with the patient and then go to see if I could help that patient. If she did none of this, I would have still checked on the patient and gone to the charge nurse.](#)