Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Juan Gomez Jr.

Date: DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Adame, Monica Torres (RN 784008 & LVN 206405)

Date action was taken against the license: 02/14/2017

Type of action taken against the license: REVOKED

Former nurse Monica Torres was convicted on two different charges. The first charge she got was, driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age. She participated in a diversion program to be put under probation for a 2 year period. The second and final charge was for falsification of medical records. Monica Torres wrote and documented that she performed a home health visit when she did not. This decision led other health care givers that depended on accurate data to be put in a spot for medical error.

Monica Torres's actions were irresponsible. The first could have been prevented if she just thought things through before taking the wheel of a car while being intoxicated. That was something that only she could have stopped with good judgment. Her second charge was a completely unprofessional and selfish act. She put herself first before her patient. If she would have just done her "job" instead of putting herself first this could have been avoided. If she

couldn’t make it to the patient there IS ways to find someone to cover for her if she couldn’t make it. This is all just careless acts.

Documentation was the universal competency that was broken. Monica falsified documentation. By documenting she went to visit the home of the patient and perform care and not physically doing it she falsified documentation.

If I was the nurse who would have discovered this I would have reported it as soon as possible to a charge nurse. As a student nurse I see it now that nurses take short cuts due to exhaustion and burn out. If this nurse was burnt out she could have reached out to someone. That is why we are provided with sources to help us. In summary I would report it as soon as possible.