

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Veronica Zamora      Date: 01/20/2023

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Name of the defendant: Stephanie Borrows RN

License number of the defendant: 770847

Date action was taken against the license: 10/08/2019

Type of action taken against the license: License Revoked

*In summary, it seems the Texas Board of Nursing found the Respondent in violation of a Texas Occupations Code. The Respondent was giving therapeutic phlebotomy treatments to a personal family member in the vicinity of her own home. It is unclear how the information was found out, or what actions led up to the discovery of these incidents, or if anyone was hurt as a result. However, she still performed these phlebotomies against her own better judgement, and worse, without a doctor's order. According to the Respondent, she felt as though she was under immense pressure from said family member to perform these actions and eventually gave in due to the psychological and emotional strain she was enduring.*

*From personal experience, I can relate to the pressures instilled by family members. Especially when someone has a degree of any kind under their belt. For instance, they expect you to be their personal pharmacist, nurse, or doctor. They also expect for you to tend to their needs right away. Then, if they are a parent or an important figure in your life, it is oftentimes difficult to refuse their requests. Despite family taking advantage of one's acquired knowledge and skills we still must draw a line somewhere. If the Respondent had truly weighed out the consequences of her actions, she could have avoided having her license getting revoked. Why risk throwing away a hard-earned degree just to satisfy someone else's needs? What are they risking? I am willing to bet that the family member in this case did not receive any kind of disciplinary action on his behalf. Why? In short, because as nurses we are held to a much higher standard, and we should always know better.*

*The Respondent failed to think critically as a nurse. She should have assessed the situation, and again, contemplated the dire consequences regarding not just the patient, but also herself. She failed to act professionally. She put the family member's life at risk by exposing him to an unclean environment. Also, I can only assume that whatever supplies were being used for these phlebotomies were stolen from her place of employment as well. She also violated standard precautions, because she was probably throwing those used needles in the trash, and not a sharps container. She jeopardized the family member's safety and security by performing these procedures without a doctor's order. Executing this from home, she had nothing to verify that what she was administering was correct.*

*I believe I would report this situation if I were to witness it firsthand. I am a firm believer in owning up to one's actions. If someone does something wrong, they need to own up to it, and accept the consequences just as they were willing to commit the offense. Everyone should always be held accountable for their own actions. Especially in this field, we can't afford to turn a blind eye, there are always lives at risk. I for one, would not be able to handle the burden of knowing that I contributed to someone's death by seeing or knowing something was done wrong and failing to report it. I really wish this had gone into a little more detail on the outcome of the*

*family member, or the specific events that lead to the acknowledgement of the misconduct. What really bothers me is that the Respondent was given the chance to complete extra CEs as part of her disciplinary actions to be able to keep practicing as an RN, and she failed to do that. She just let her license go to waste, a second time! If you are given a chance to redeem yourself after such heavy findings, then do it. Show that you are remorseful for your actions, accepting of the consequences, and grateful for the "lesson learned" and the chance to keep your license!*