

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Gillian Cardenas

Date 1/19/2024

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: HERBERT LEVENCE BELL
defendant: 854753

License number of the

Date action was taken against the license: April 11, 2021

Type of action taken against the license: **warning with stipulations**

- *Use the space below to describe the events which led to the action(s) 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.*

On January 8, 2020, while working at Methodist Charlton medical center in Dallas Texas. Herbert withdrew 2mg from the medical dispensing system for a patient and only gave 1mg to the patient. He failed to waste the rest of the medication properly with another licensed nurse and took the medication home with him. Herbert stated that he could not find another nursing during the time he needed to waste so he put it in his pocket with the intention of doing it later but became busy and inadvertently forgot about it. Taking the rest of 1mg morphine home with him. After management informed him of the mistake Herbert brought back the vial with 1mg of morphine and explained his side. He also requests for a drug test be done to prove his innocence of being drug free.

- *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.*

I think there are many ways this could've been avoided; He should've waited for another nurse before putting it in his pocket. OR made it a priority to waste as soon as he got out of the room since narcotic wastage is so important. If he realized, he took it home he should've reported it himself. Or there should be a better wastage method for nurses especially in busy facilities.

- *Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how.*

Patient safety was violated by not wasting properly. What if he had used it in a hence way and went back and gave it all? Standard precaution was violated by not following procedure. Communication within the work area was violated because he didn't ask for help and tell anyone what he did. Critical thinking, he should've known that he can't forget to do waste. He failed to document he didn't waste or didn't have time. The professional role

was violated because he was held to a standard to work with his peers and when narcotics go missing not only can he get in trouble but those who were around him.

- *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 first check on the patient to make sure the patients' health is still okay. I would've let the nurse know that he needed to waste the rest of the medication and if he didn't then I would inform the charge nurse and management. .