

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Amber Morrow

Date: 3/25/2023

DAS Assignment 1

Name of the defendant: Mario Enrique Corona

License number of the defendant: 819495

Date action was taken against the license: 10/20/2022

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.*

Mario Enrique Corona was a registered nurse at Seton Healthcare Family in Austin Texas. Mario had one occurrence of not being in compliance by failing to provide continuous observation to a patient who was at high risk for suicide. Mario left the patient's room to visit with security and to check on other patients. Mario should not have left the patient unattended because if the patient's status had changed, Mario was not there observe or intervene. The Board of Nursing gave him a warning with stipulations.

- *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.*

Actions that could have been taken to prevent abandoning a high-risk patient is making sure that there is somebody always in the room with a patient that is at high risk for suicide. This can be done by the nurse asking a CNA or a sitter to stay in the patient's room while the nurse checks on their other patients. The nurse should also check in on the high-risk patient frequently to monitor any change in their status. Another action that could prevent this event, would be to place the patient's room by the nurse's station and to leave the door open so that the patient could be constantly monitored.

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

Safety and Security was violated by the nurse abandoning the suicide high risk patient by leaving the patient alone in the room to check on other patients and to talk with security. The patient could have physically or emotionally harmed themselves and the nurse would not have been there to intervene because he was not continuously monitoring the patient.

Human Caring was violated by not considering the patient's feelings by leaving the patient alone in a vulnerable state. Leaving the patient could have caused more fear and anxiety.

Professional role was violated by the nurse because he did not continuously observe the high-risk patient, even though it was hospital policy.

- *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.*

If I was the nurse who was the first one to discover this action, I would let the charge nurse know that the nurse was supposed to stay with the high-risk patient, but he left the patient alone to check on other patients and to talk with security. This event would have to be documented and reported, and then the patient should be assessed and monitored to make sure that no physical or emotional harm was done while the nurse was not observing them.