

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Sierra Kellar Date: 8/26/2024

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Michelle Miller

License number of the defendant: 763456

Date action was taken against the license: March 21, 2022

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

- *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 June 6th, 2021, Michelle Miller was working as an RN for Houston Healthcare Kingwood in Kingwood Tx. She had been working in that position for 12 years and 5 months when she found herself in a difficult situation. She was caught taping a patient's mouth shut and taping her hands. In all situations, this is not acceptable. Respondent stated she was trying to stop the bleeding from Patient SC's catheter when the patient started biting, pinching, and shoving her. Michelle stated she attempted to call for help but no one came to assist her with Patient SC. Michelle Miller was charged with unlawful restraint of a patient.

- *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.*

A patient should never be unlawfully restrained, especially with tape. Michelle could have continued to call for help instead of restraining Patient SC. She also could have waited until help arrived. The respondent did not need to take matters into her own hands.

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

The first universal competency that was violated was professional interactions. The respondent did not act in a professional manner.

Trust and respect were broken by unlawfully restraining the patient. The patient has every right to no longer trust nurses.

Decision making was not thought through. The nurse should have thought about the decision she was about to make and realized, there are better ways.

Human Caring was broken as soon as the respondent pulled out tape to place on Patient SC. Michelle did not listen to the patient's needs and instead did what was more convenient for her.

- *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 that discovered what had been done to patient SC, I would immediately remove the tape, call for help, inform the charge nurse, inform the physician, and make sure that Michelle would no longer be in this patient's room. I would also do what I could to make sure Michelle would not finish her shift or come back the next day. I would then report all findings to Texas Board of Nursing hoping to get Michelle's license revoked so that she could never treat a patient with that much disrespect again.