

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**
Sherrie Poujade, RN) **REPRIMAND**
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License No. 094006426RN) **Reference No. 12-01293**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for the licensure and regulation of Registered Nurses in the state of Oregon.

Sherrie Poujade, hereinafter referred to as Licensee, was issued a Registered Nurse license in Oregon on December 15, 1995.

In December 2011, the Board received an application from Licensee for renewal of her Registered Nurse license. On that application, Licensee disclosed that she had been arrested for a felony and had been investigated for abuse since the date of her last renewal.

Licensee explained that in December 2010, she was involved in an altercation with her six-year-old foster child. The foster child had been placed with Licensee in July 2010 and reportedly had behavioral issues.

During the incident, the foster child was not following Licensee's instructions. Licensee stated that she grabbed the child by the back of his neck to direct his movement. Licensee stated that her hand tightened around the back of the child's neck. Licensee's actions caused significant bruising on both sides of the child's neck.

When Licensee saw the bruising, she contacted Child Protective Services (CPS) to report the incident. The foster child was removed from Licensee's care. In February 2011, CPS determined that Licensee physically abused the foster child when she grabbed him by the neck, causing bruising.

Licensee was charged with Assault 2 for the December 2010 incident. Licensee was granted a stay of proceedings and was accepted into an 18-month diversion program. If and when Licensee completes the diversion requirements, her criminal charge will be dismissed. The Board received confirmation that Licensee is in full compliance with the diversion requirements.

In an interview with Board staff, Licensee expressed remorse over the December 2010 incident and stated that her actions during the incident were out of character for her.

The above conduct constitutes a violation of the provisions of ORS 678.111(1)(f), which provides as follows:

ORS 678.111 Causes for denial, revocation or suspension of license or probation, reprimand or censure of licensee.

In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for a contested case:

- (1) Issuance of the license to practice nursing, whether by examination or by indorsement, of any person may be refused or the license may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be placed on probation for a period specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such condition as the board may impose or may be issued a limited license or may be reprimanded or censured by the board, for any of the following causes:
 - (f) Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing.

Licensee admits to the above violation and wishes to cooperate with the Board in resolving the present matter.

Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Board and is agreed to by Licensee:

That the Registered Nurse license of Sherrie Poujade be reprimanded.

Licensee understands that the conduct resulting in the violations of law described in this Stipulated Order are considered by the Board to be serious in nature and if continued, constitutes a danger to public health and safety.

Licensee understands that in the event she engages in future conduct resulting in violations of law or the Nurse Practice Act, the Board may take further disciplinary action against her license, up to and including revocation of her license as a Registered Nurse.

Licensee understands that this Stipulated Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for their approval and is subject to the Board's acceptance. Licensee understands that if this Stipulated Order is accepted, the Board will issue a Final Order based thereon. Licensee understands that this Stipulated Order will become a matter of public record at such time as the Board issues a Final Order adopting it.

Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives any and all rights to notice and contested case hearing under the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183), and any and all rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulated Order and any Final Order issued based thereon.

Licensee states no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Stipulated Order.

Licensee has fully read this Stipulated Order, understands this Stipulated Order completely and freely and voluntarily signs this Stipulated Order.

IT IS SO AGREED:

Sherrie Poujade, RN

Date

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Kay Carnegie, RN, MS
Board President

Date

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