

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of** ) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**  
**SHANNON DELL RIO, RN, FNP** ) **REPRIMAND OF REGISTERED NURSE**  
 ) **LICENSE AND NURSE PRACTITIONER**  
 ) **CERTIFICATION**  
**License No. 085074775RN, 085074775N1** ) **Reference No. 12-02270**

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The Oregon State Board of Nursing, (Board) is the state agency responsible for the licensure and regulation of registered nurses (RN) and nurse practitioners (NP) in the State of Oregon. Shannon Dell Rio (Licensee) is a registered nurse and a family nurse practitioner in the State of Oregon. The Board first issued her RN license on August 30, 1985, and her NP certificate on July 1, 1995.

On or about December 13, 2011 information was provided to Licensee which she failed to notice that indicated a potential sexual crime against one of her minor patients which should have been reported to authorities. On or about May 8, 2012 this matter was called to Licensee's attention through a letter from the Board. After receipt of the letter from the Board, Licensee immediately reported the potential child abuse to authorities.

*To the extent that the Notice in this matter contemplates facts or violations beyond those contained in this Stipulated Order, they are deemed withdrawn.*

The above conduct is a violation of the provisions of ORS 678.111(1)(f); ORS 419B.010; OAR 851-045-0070(1)(a) and (b) and (1); (2)(d) and (e) which reads as follows:

**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

**419B.010 Duty of officials to report child abuse; exceptions; penalty.**

(1) Any public or private official having reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the official comes in contact has suffered abuse or that any person with whom the official comes in contact has abused a child shall immediately report or cause a report to be made in the manner required in ORS 419B.015. Nothing contained in ORS 40.225 to 40.295 or 419B.234 (6) affects the duty to report imposed by this section, except that a psychiatrist, psychologist, member of the clergy, attorney or guardian ad litem appointed under ORS 419B.231 is not required to report such information communicated by a person if the communication is privileged under ORS 40.225 to

40.295 or 419B.234 (6). An attorney is not required to make a report under this section by reason of information communicated to the attorney in the course of representing a client if disclosure of the information would be detrimental to the client.

- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a report need not be made under this section if the public or private official acquires information relating to abuse by reason of a report made under this section, or by reason of a proceeding arising out of a report made under this section, and the public or private official reasonably believes that the information is already known by a law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services.

### **851-045-0070**

#### **Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing Defined**

Nurses, regardless of role, whose behavior fails to conform to the legal standard and accepted standards of the nursing profession, or who may adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public may be found guilty of conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Conduct related to the client's safety and integrity:
  - (a) Developing, modifying, or implementing standards of nursing practice/care which jeopardize patient safety.
  - (b) Failing to take action to preserve or promote the client's safety based on nursing assessment and judgment.
  - (l) Failing to respect the dignity and rights of clients, regardless of social or economic status, age, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, nature of health needs, or disability.
- (2) Conduct related to other federal or state statute/rule violations:
  - (d) Failing to report actual or suspected incidents of client abuse through the proper channels in the work place and to the appropriate state agencies.
  - (e) Failing to report actual or suspected incidents of child abuse or elder abuse to the appropriate state agencies.

Licensee wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter. Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by Licensee:

**That the registered nurse license and nurse practitioner certificate of Shannon Dell Rio be reprimanded.**

Licensee understands that the conduct resulting in the violations of law described in this Order are considered by the Board to be of a serious 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 to practice as a registered nurse and nurse practitioner.

Licensee understands that this Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for its approval

and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.540. Licensee acknowledges that no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Order.

Licensee understands that this Order is a document of public record.

Licensee has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Reprimand.

*The parties understand that this Stipulated Order resolves this matter in its entirety.*

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Shannon Dell Rio, RN, FNP

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Date

**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED:

**BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON**

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Kay Carnegie, RN, MS  
Board President

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Date