



MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE NO. |) | |
| #P03248 |) | |
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| |) | ORDER TERMINATING |
| Issued to: |) | PROBATION |
| Sandra J. Merrill, L.P.N. |) | |
| To practice practical nursing |) | |
| in the State of Maine |) | |

WHEREAS, on March 13, 1991, License No. #P03248 issued to Sandra J. Merrill, was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on the sixth day of October, 1992, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Sandra Merrill's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Sandra Merrill has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation issued March 13, 1991 is hereby terminated.

DATED this ninth day of October, 1992.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Jean C. Caron, R.N., M.S.
Executive Director

pc: Timothy W. Collier, Assistant Attorney General



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In re:)
Sandra J. Merrill, L.P.N.)
of Westbrook, ME)

CONSENT AGREEMENT REGARDING
PROBATIONARY STATUS OF
LICENSURE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Sandra J. Merrill's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(C) (1988). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Sandra Merrill, L.P.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated January 3, 1991, Sandra Merrill was advised by the Board that based upon information contained in her application for renewal, the Board was concerned and wanted to discuss the renewal of her license. Ms. Merrill responded through her attorney in a letter dated January 16, 1991 and asked for a continuance of the informal conference. The informal conference was held on March 13, 1991. Ms. Merrill was present and represented by her attorney Charles W. Smith, Jr., Esq.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As a result of the informal conference, the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. Licensee is currently under the care of Dr. James H. Maier, M.D. He is treating her for emotional problems related to her history of abuse and dependency.
2. Licensee plan to continue treatment with Dr. Maier.
3. The Board received a letter of support from Maine Medical Center attesting to her competent work performance.
4. There have been no previous reports of problems with Ms. Merrill's work and she has never been before the Board of Nursing in the past.

5. Licensee takes medication on a P.R.N. basis under the care of Dr. Maier. It should be noted that the prescription is written for her to take the medication twice each day.
6. Dr. Stedman, D.O., is Ms. Merrill's family physician.
7. Licensee denies all substance abuse.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to place Ms. Merrill's license on probationary status for a period of 18 months commencing March 13, 1991 and agreed to the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensee will continue treatment with Dr. Maier until he recommends termination.
2. Licensee will arrange for Dr. Maier to submit quarterly reports about her progress to the Board. The first report will be due during June 1991 and every three months thereafter.
3. Licensee will submit to the Board a statement from Dr. Maier regarding her medication regimen.
4. Licensee will arrange to have her employer report on her progress performance on a quarterly basis.
5. Licensee will immediately notify the Board of any employment change.
6. Licensee hereby waives all claims of confidentiality and privilege she may have regarding reports from Dr. Maier to be submitted to the Board in accordance with this Consent Agreement.

DATED: 7/19/91

BY: Sandra J. Merrill L.P.N.
SANDRA J. MERRILL, L.P.N.

DATED: 7/25/91

BY: [Signature]
CHARLES W. SMITH, JR., ESQ.
Attorney for Sandra Merrill

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:

DATED: 8/21/91

BY: Jean C. Caron
JEAN C. CARON, R.N., M.S.
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 8/22/91

BY: Timothy W. Collier
~~KATHERINE W. BUBAR~~ TIMOTHY W. COLLIER
Assistant Attorney General
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