

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING**

In re: KEITH ALLEN	}	
License No. 026.0108352	}	Docket No. 2026-6
FL Multistate License No. RN 9548655	}	

Participating Board Members:

Jennifer Lyon, RN
Matthew Choate, RN
Andrew Kehl, APRN
Margaret Young, APRN
Jill Neary, LPN
Krystal Desorda, LPN
William “Jamie” Floyd, RN, Chair
Daniel Coane, Public Member
Debra Belcher, Public Member

Appearances:

Prosecutor: George Hasselback, Esq.
Respondent: Did not appear and was not represented

Presiding Officer: George K. Belcher

Exhibits:

State Exhibit 1: Criminal Complaint, U.S. Dist. Of AZ, #25-9205 MJ
State Exhibit 2: Grand Jury Indictment Case 2:25cr-00935 DWL Filed 6/24/25
State Exhibit 3: Order of Emergency Suspension of License Case No 2025-04159 FL

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
AND ORDER**

This matter came before the Board of Nursing on a Request for a Summary Suspension. The hearing was held on February 9, 2026, with the Prosecutor, the witness, and the Board members all participating in person or by telephone or via electronic means pursuant to the Office of Professional Regulation Rules. Notice was given to the Respondent by regular mail, certified mail and email. None of the mailings were returned undelivered. In addition, the Prosecutor had reached out to the Respondent’s defense attorney in the federal criminal matter with no response.

Findings of Fact

Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Vermont Nursing Board finds as follows:

1. Respondent, Keith Allen, was licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of Vermont which expired on March 31, 2023. The Respondent also holds a suspended multistate nursing license number RN9548655 which was issued on July 21, 1998, and was suspended by order of Florida Department of Health on January 27, 2026 (Exhibit 3). The Respondent is subject to the regulatory authority of this Board. 3 V.S.A. §§ 129, 129a, 26 V.S.A. Chapter 28, the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing, and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation. 3 V.S.A. § 814(c) permits the Board to summarily suspend a license if it finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order.
2. The Prosecutor has filed a “Request for Summary Suspension” dated January 29, 2026.
3. The Respondent exchanged digital video files with a minor via a chat application called “Telegram” on February 2, 2025.
4. The Respondent received 18 videos from a minor that contained Child Sexual Abuse Material. The Respondent transmitted 4 videos to the minor that contained Child Sexual Abuse Material. See Exhibit 1, affidavit of Emily A. Steele.
5. On June 2, 2025, the Respondent was arrested pursuant to a federal arrest warrant. On June 24, 2025, the Respondent was charged with 20 counts of production of child pornography, 2 counts of knowingly distributing child pornography and 1 count of possession and access with intent to view child pornography. A trial is set for February 3, 2026, on the pending charges and the Respondent was ordered detained on June 12, 2025, pending further hearing. He remains in federal custody in Arizona.
6. The facts set forth above show that the Respondent committed unprofessional conduct violating 26 VSA Sec. 1582(a)(3) [engaging in conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public].
7. The facts set forth above establish that in order to protect the public health safety and/or welfare, emergency action is imperative and the license of the Respondent and his ability to practice nursing under any Vermont license or any multistate license should be summarily suspended. Pursuant to 26 VSA Sec. 1647c(d) the Respondent is ordered to cease and desist any practice of nursing under any multistate licensure privilege pending a hearing on the merits.

Conclusions of Law

1. The evidence established that the Respondent violated: 26 VSA Sec. 1582(a)(3) [Engaging in conduct of a character likely to harm the public]. The evidence presented shows facts which imperatively require emergency action for the public health, safety, and welfare. Specifically, summary suspension is necessary to prevent patient harm, and to protect the public.
2. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this Summary Suspension hearing are for purposes of deciding whether **at this time** there is an imperative need to take emergency action. 3 V.S.A. § 814(c). The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein are for purposes of this Order only.
3. The Prosecutor’s Request for a Summary Suspension is supported by the evidence presented. For purposes of this Summary Suspension Hearing, the Findings of Fact above

do support Summary Suspension of Respondent's lapsed license and his ability to practice nursing in this state. There is an imperative need to take emergency action. 3 V.S.A. § 814(c).

4. Vermont law requires that unprofessional charges be filed promptly with Respondent being afforded a prompt hearing. At any merits hearing in this matter, the Prosecutor will bear the burden of proving unprofessional conduct. The Findings and Conclusions in this matter will not absolve the prosecution or Respondent from producing or challenging relevant evidence at a merits hearing. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law at a contested hearing will be based exclusively on the evidence admitted at that hearing.

Order

The Request for Summary Suspension is **Granted**. Respondent's lapsed license is **Summarily Suspended** and shall not be subject renewal or reinstatement during the period of Summary Suspension without Board approval pending proceedings. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined. 3 V.S.A. § 814(c). Pursuant to 26 VSA Sec. 1647c(d) the Respondent is ordered to cease and desist any practice of nursing in Vermont under any multistate licensure privilege pending a hearing on the merits.

SO ORDERED.

Vermont Board of Nursing

Signed By: William James Floyd III
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 William "Jamie" Floyd, RN
 Chair

Date: 2/12/2026, 2026

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
 DATE OF ENTRY: 2/13/2026

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This is a final administrative determination by the Vermont Board of Nursing or Director of the Office of Professional Regulation. A party aggrieved by a final decision of a board or hearing authority may appeal this decision by filing a written Notice of Appeal with the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State, 89 Main Street, Fl. 3, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402 within 30 days of the entry of this order. If an appeal is filed, the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation shall assign the case to an appellate officer. The review shall be conducted on the basis of the record created before the board. In cases of alleged irregularities in procedure before the board, not shown in the record, proof on that issue may be taken by the appellate officer. 3 V.S.A. §§ 129(d) and 130a.

