

The Respondent's license is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pending proceedings for revocation or other action. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined.

Vermont Board of Nursing

By: Susan O. Farrell
Susan O. Farrell, RN, Chairperson

Dated at Berlin: 13 February 2006

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

DATE OF ENTRY: 3/17/06

APPEAL RIGHTS

This is a final administrative determination by the Vermont Board of Nursing.

A party aggrieved by a final decision of a board may appeal this decision by filing a written Notice of Appeal with the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05609-1101 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.

To request a stay of the Board's decision, please refer to the attached stay instructions.

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

**IN RE: SANDRA COMBS
License No. 075-0002160**

**) DOCKET NO. NU33-0106
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REQUEST FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Board Authority

1. The Vermont Board of Nursing (the "Board") has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate allegations of unprofessional conduct committed by Nurses pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129, 129a; 26 V.S.A. Chapter 28 and; the rules of the Board and the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation.
2. The Board of Nursing is authorized by 3 V.S.A. § 814 to summarily suspend the license of a nurse when it finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

Statement of Facts

3. Sandra Combs (the "Respondent") of White River Junction, Vermont is a nursing assistant holding license number 075-0002160 issued by the State of Vermont. This license was originally issued on or about August 27, 1991 and is set to expire on November 30, 2006.
4. At all times relevant the Respondent was employed by the Wheelock Terrace Assisted Living Facility (the "Facility") located in New Hampshire.
5. On or about January 18, 2006 the Respondent admitted, through correspondence to the Office of Professional Regulation that she took money from D.C., a resident of the Facility. The Respondent was videotaped taking this money.
6. On June 8, 2005 the Respondent was convicted of two counts of "unauthorized taking" of money from D.C.'s dresser. The money was placed there as part of a "sting" operation by the Hanover Police Department.

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Request for Relief

7. The facts as set out above establish that in order to protect the public health, safety or welfare of the people of the State of Vermont emergency action is imperative.
8. The above acts and circumstances, alone or in combination, violate: 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(3) (failing to comply with provisions of federal or state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession); 26 V.S.A. § 1595(1)(has been convicted of



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a crime that evinces an unfitness to act as a nursing assistant); and 26 V.S.A. § 1595(4)(has abused or neglected a patient or misappropriated patient property);

WHEREFORE, the State of Vermont respectfully requests that pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c), the Respondent's nursing assistant license be summarily suspended, pending a hearing on the merits.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 26th day of January, 2006.

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