

STATE OF VERMONT
BOARD OF NURSING

In re:

Bridget Griffin)
License No. 25-04840)

Docket No. NU36-1101

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, through its Attorney General William H. Sorrell, and Respondent Bridget Griffin, who stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate complaints of unprofessional conduct committed by nursing assistants pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §129 and 26 V.S.A. §§1595, 1598.
 2. Respondent Bridget Griffin is licensed by the State of Vermont as a licensed practical nurse holding license No. 25-04840.
 3. Respondent admits that from about 10-1-01 to 10-17-01 Respondent had caused to be phoned in several unauthorized prescriptions for herself for the drug Vicoprofen. Vicoprofen contains hydrocodone a regulated. Respondent has admitted that she had called in prescriptions for her husband that were in fact for her. Respondent in the period from 10-01-01 to 10-17-01 called in five prescriptions to Wal-Mart Pharmacy, and additional prescriptions to Brown's Pharmacy, Kinney Drug and the Medicine Shoppe. All prescriptions were for Vicoprofen and were for her own use.
 4. Respondent admits she has abused habit forming drugs.
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5. Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of this agreement. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire agreement shall be null and void.

6. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.

7. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time she signs this agreement.

8. Respondent voluntarily enters this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing it.

9. Respondent agrees that the Board may enter the order set forth below.

ORDER

Based on the stipulation above it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

A. The Board finds that by the actions described in paragraphs 3 and 4 above Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1582(a)(3)(unable to practice nursing competently by reason of any cause) and Vermont Nursing Board Rule IV.B. (3).

The Board hereby **indefinitely suspends** the license of Bridget Griffin.

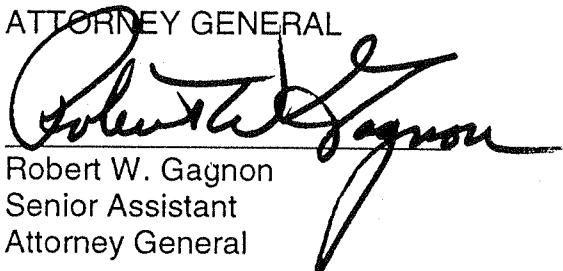
B. Respondent may petition for reinstatement of her license when she can provide evidence that she has been assessed by a qualified addition specialist (such as Denis Casey) and it has been determined that she does not have an addition problem, or that such a problem is being addressed by an appropriate plan. Additionally, Respondent can demonstrate that there is evidence that she has

complied with and is adhering to that plan. It is understood that any reinstatement would likely be on conditions to assure the Board of continued compliance and safety to the public.

C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a)(7).

D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

Dated: 3-25-02

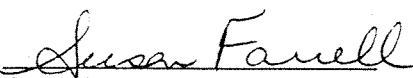
STATE OF VERMONT
WILLIAM H. SORRELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL
By: 
Robert W. Gagnon
Senior Assistant
Attorney General

Dated: 3-27-02

BRIGET GRIFFIN
RESPONDENT
By: 
Bridget Griffin

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

Dated April 8, 2002

By: 
Chair/Acting Chair
Vermont Board of Nursing

Date of Entry: 4/9/02

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INTERIM STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, through its Attorney General William H. Sorrell, and Respondent Bridget Griffin, who stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate complaints of unprofessional conduct committed by nursing assistants pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §129 and 26 V.S.A. §§1595, 1598.
2. The Board of Nursing is authorized by 3 V.S.A. §814 to summarily suspend the license of a licensee when it finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively require emergency action.
3. Respondent Bridget Griffin is licensed by the State of Vermont as a licensed practical nurse holding license No. 25-04840.
4. Respondent admits that from about 10-1-01 to 10-17-01 Respondent had caused to be phoned in several unauthorized prescriptions for herself for the drug Vicoprofen. Vicoprofen contains hydrocodone a regulated. Respondent has admitted that she had called in prescriptions for her husband that were in fact for her. Respondent in the period from 10-01-01 to 10-17-01 called in five prescriptions to Wal-Mart Pharmacy, and additional prescriptions to Brown's Pharmacy, Kinney Drug

and the Medicine Shoppe. All prescriptions were for Vicoprofen and were for her own use.

5. Respondent admits she has abused ~~and is addicted to the use of~~ ^{B9} habit forming drugs.
6. Respondent waives the necessity for findings preceding an emergency order issued by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §814(c).
7. Respondent waives her right under 3 V.S.A. §814(c) to have formal charges of unprofessional conduct promptly filed with the Board and waives her right to the prompt determination of those charges.
8. Respondent agrees that the Board may enter an Order summarily suspending her nursing license.
9. Respondent understands that the summary suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the matter is finally concluded by further order of the Board.
10. Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of this agreement. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire agreement shall be null and void.
11. Respondent understands that this agreement, if accepted by the Board, is a public document that may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a)(7)
12. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
13. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time she signs this agreement.

14. Respondent voluntarily enters this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing it.
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ORDER

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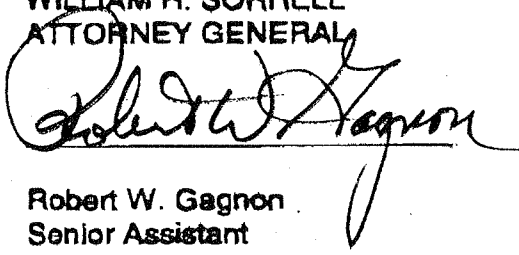
- A. The Board **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of Bridget Griffin pending further order of the Board.

STATE OF VERMONT

WILLIAM H. SORRELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated: 12-10-01

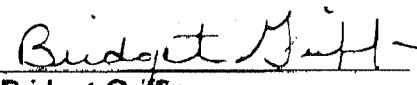
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Senior Assistant
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BRIDGET GRIFFIN
RESPONDENT

Dated: 12-10-01

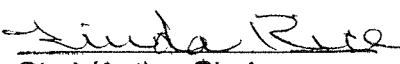
By:


Bridget Griffin

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

Dated 12-10-01

By:


Chair/Acting Chair
Vermont Board of Nursing

Date of Entry: 12/11/01