

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

IN RE:)
MARGARET ANNE PRATT) **Docket No: NU 16-0804**
License No. 026-0017670)

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COMES the State of Vermont, through State Prosecuting Attorney, Edward G. Adrian, and the Respondent, Margaret Anne Pratt, R.N., who stipulate and agree as follows:

Board Authority

1. The Vermont State Board of Nursing ("the Board") has authority to issue warnings or reprimands, suspend, revoke, limit, condition current licenses, or prevent the renewal of lapsed licenses if, after disciplinary hearing, the Board finds that the Respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct. 3 V.S.A. §129(a)(5); 3 V.S.A. §814(d); 26 V.S.A. §1582(a); the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing; and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation.

Facts

2. The Respondent, Margaret Anne Pratt, is licensed in the State of Vermont as a Registered Nurse under license number 026-0017670.
3. The Respondent's license was originally issued on May 28, 1987 and the Respondent's license is currently set to expire on March 31, 2007.
4. At all times relevant, the Respondent was employed as an R.N. by the Vermont Department of Health located in Newport, Vermont.
5. On or about August 17, 2004, the Respondent was working at a "field clinic" site during a "WIC" sign up clinic. The Respondent brought her pet dog, a six year old terrier/beagle mix, into the building after lunch.
6. While conducting a certification interview with the first family after lunch, the Respondent allowed the family's four-year-old boy to touch the Respondent's dog. The dog unexpectedly lunged at the child and bit him, causing lacerations under the left eye and lower lip.

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7. The acts, omissions and/or circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent violated:

(i) 3 V.S.A. §§129a(b)(2) in that she failed to practice competently by reason of any cause by her failure on a single occasion to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice; which also thereby constitutes a violation of

(ii) 3 V.S.A. §§ 129a(a)(3) (Failing to comply with the provisions of state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession).

Understandings

8. Respondent understands that the Nursing Board must review and accept the terms of the Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.

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

10. Respondent voluntarily enters this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.

11. Respondent voluntarily waives her right to a contested hearing before the Board of Nursing.

12. Respondent agrees that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board.

ORDER

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

A. Respondent's actions described above demonstrate grounds for discipline because Respondent violated:

(i) 3 V.S.A. §§129a(b)(2) (failure to practice competently by reason of any cause by her failure on a single occasion to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice); and

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B. The Board of Nursing hereby issues a **WARNING** against the Respondent's license to practice nursing.

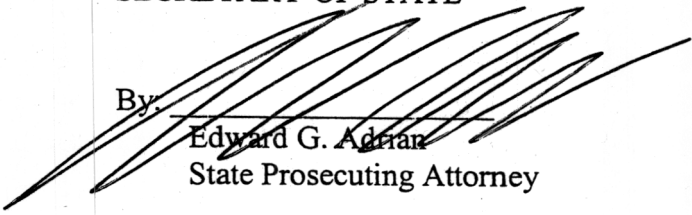
C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a).

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

AGREED TO:

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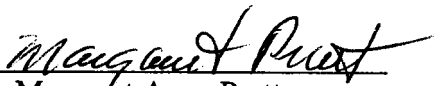
Dated: 6/14/05

By: 

Edward G. Adrian
State Prosecuting Attorney

MARGARET ANNE PRATT
RESPONDENT

Dated: 5/25/05

By: 

Margaret Anne Pratt

Approved as to Form:

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

Dated: May 10, 2005

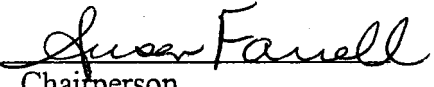
By: 

David Putter, Esq.

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: 6/13/05

By: 

Chairperson

Date of Entry: 6/15/05

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SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

NOW COMES the State of Vermont and makes the following Charges against the Respondent, Margaret Anne Pratt, R.N.:

Board Authority

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2. Failure to comply with the provisions of state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession is unprofessional conduct upon which the Board can base disciplinary action. 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(3).
3. The inability to practice nursing by reason of any cause is unprofessional conduct upon which the Board can base disciplinary action. 26 V.S.A. §1582(a)(3).
4. The inability to practice nursing competently includes the performance of unsafe or unacceptable patient care pursuant to the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing, Chapter 4, Rule IV(II)(B)(1), and failing to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice pursuant to the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing, Chapter 4, Rule IV(II)(B)(2).

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9. While conducting a certification interview with the first family after lunch, the Respondent allowed the family's four-year-old boy to touch the Respondent's dog. The dog unexpectedly lunged at the child and bit him, causing lacerations under the left eye and lower lip.

Charges

10. The acts, omissions and/or circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent violated:

(i) 26 V.S.A. §1582(a)(3) (is unable to practice nursing competently by reason of any cause) which includes the performance of unsafe or unacceptable patient care pursuant to the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing, Chapter 4, Rule IV(II)(B)(1), and failing to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice pursuant to the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing, Chapter 4, Rule IV(II)(B)(2); and

(ii) 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(3) (failing to comply with the provisions of state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession).

Relief Requested

WHEREFORE, the license of Margaret Anne Pratt should be revoked, suspended, reprimanded, conditioned or otherwise disciplined.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 8 day of February 2005.

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