

STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

In Re:	)	
Donna L. Watson	)	Docket No. NU85-0601
License No. 25-06658	)	

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to investigate complaints of unprofessional conduct and to conduct hearings pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §129, and 26 V.S.A. §§1574, 1582.
2. Respondent is a nurse licensed by the State of Vermont holding license number 25-06658.
3. At all times relevant to this Specification of Charges, Respondent was employed by Genesis Mountain View Center of Rutland, Vermont.
4. Respondent admits that on or about June 18, 2001, she was charge nurse and let a patient/resident, B.W., out of a "lap buddy", a restraining device that does not allow one to get out of a wheelchair. This occurred in the lunchroom during the luncheon meal.

5. Respondent admits she forgot that B.W. had had the safety restraints released and that the device was not in place and left the area. When the resident/patient tried to rise she fell out of the chair and was injured.
6. 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.
7. 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)
8. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
9. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time she signs this agreement.
10. Respondent voluntarily enters this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing it.
11. Respondent agrees that the order set forth below may be entered by the Board.

ORDER

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

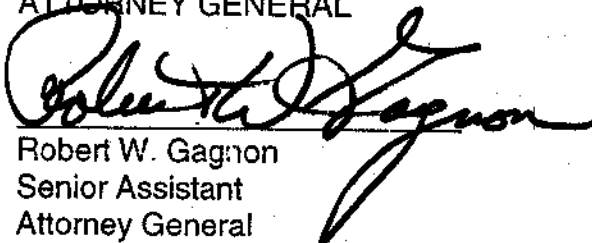
A. The Board finds that by the actions described in paragraphs 3 through 5 Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1582(a)(3)(unable to practice nursing competently by reason of any cause) and Vermont Nursing Board Rule IV.B. (2)(B), since these actions fail to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice.

B. The Board hereby **reprimands** the license of Donna L. Watson.

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: 10/18/01

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

Dated: 12-16-01

DONNA L. WATSON
RESPONDENT
By: 
Donna L. Watson

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

Dated 11-5-01

By: Sinda Rice
Chair/Acting Chair
Vermont Board of Nursing

Date of Entry: 11/7/01