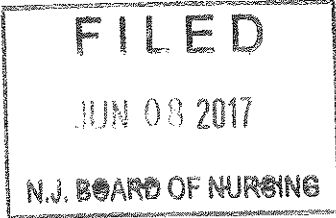


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR
REVOCAION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF

Leanne R. Tucker, C.H.H.A.
Certificate No. 26NH16744800

TO PRACTICE AS A CERTIFIED
HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**INTERIM CONSENT ORDER OF
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
TO BE DEEMED A
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Leanne R. Tucker, C.H.H.A. ("Respondent"), holder of certificate number **26NH16744800**, was arrested on May 6, 2017, by officers of the Evesham Township Police Department in Marlton, New Jersey, and charged with theft of cash and prescription medication from a client's residence, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3(a) and 2C:20-2(b)(2)(c). Respondent's conduct was recorded by video surveillance equipment.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts

constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the practice of a certified homemaker home-health aide, and would provide grounds for discipline against Respondent's certificate to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). Respondent desires to resolve this matter on an interim basis without formal disciplinary proceedings, and agrees to voluntarily surrender her certificate without making admissions and without prejudicing her ability to defend any criminal action against her based on the above-stated allegations.

The Board, finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS ON THIS 8th day of June 2017, **HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:**

1. Respondent shall voluntarily surrender her certification to practice as a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a temporary suspension, to be effective immediately, pending the outcome of criminal proceedings against her and until further order of the Board.

2. Respondent shall immediately surrender her most recent certificate to practice as a certified homemaker-home health aide to the Board by submitting the same, together with this signed Order, to the New Jersey Board of Nursing, Attention: Wendy Leggett Faulk, DAG, at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey, 07101.

3. Respondent shall immediately stop representing herself as a Certified Homemaker-Home Health Aide and stop practicing as a certified homemaker-home health aide in New Jersey, which includes but is not limited to, performing delegated

nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the authority of a duly licensed professional nurse. Any such practice by Respondent constitutes grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

4. Respondent acknowledges that she has been specifically advised of her right to have this Consent Order reviewed by an attorney of her choosing.

5. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon Respondent's conduct, whether or not relating to the allegations above and/or upon disposition of the criminal charges against her. The Board reserves the right to impose discipline, limitations, and/or restrictions at the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of her certificate.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD., APN, FAAN
Board President

I have read the Interim Consent Order above. I understand what it says and I agree to be bound by the terms. I know it is an important legal document and that I have a right to have it reviewed by an attorney. I choose to enter into this agreement with the Board of Nursing without being advised by an attorney. I give my consent to the Board of Nursing to enter this Order.

Leanne Tucker (Sign Name)
Leanne R. Tucker, C.H.H.A.
Certificate No. 26NH16744800

Date: 5-30-17