



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

JOSEPH P. JONES, C.H.H.A.
Certificate No. 26NH06695400

HOMEMAKER HOME HEALTH AIDE IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Joseph P. Jones ("Respondent") is the holder of the certificate number 26NH06695400 and has been certified at all times hereto.

2. Upon receipt of a flagging notice advising that Respondent was arrested on April 18, 2012 by the Hackensack Police Department for violation of one (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(b), Sexual Assault, and one (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4, Endangering the Welfare of Children, the Board sent a letter of inquiry, requesting certain information and submission of

documents, to Respondent's address of record in Hackensack, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about February 26, 2013. A response was due within twenty (20) days. The regular mailing was not returned; the certified mail receipt was signed "J. Jones" on March 11, 2013 and returned to the Board.

3. As of April 23, 2013, on the date in which the Provisional Order of Discipline was filed, Respondent had not responded to the Board's request for information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's request for information constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2,-1.3, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking the suspension of Respondent's certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey and a fine of \$200.00 was entered on April 23, 2013. A copy was forwarded to Respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The regular mailing was not returned and the certified mail was returned to the Board and the certified mail receipt was signed "J. Jones." The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by

the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent's submission on or around May 15, 2013 stating that his lawyer sent a registered letter to the Board regarding his ongoing case is insufficient; to date respondent has not provided a copy of any summons/complaint, a copy of the police report, or any specific information as to the status of the criminal prosecution. The Board therefore considered this matter, and determined that further proceedings were not necessary, and that the Provisional Order should be made final.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 1 day of November,
2013,**

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's certificate to practice as a homemaker-home health aide be and hereby is suspended until he has fully responded to the Board's inquiry.
2. A \$200.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed. Because

Respondent has already remitted payment of this amount, he need take no further action with regard to payment.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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