

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
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ADWOA PRAH, RN : :
License # 26NR17425200 : FINAL ORDER
: OF DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE : :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY : :

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Adwoa Prah ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto. Respondent's license was initially issued on August 4, 2014.

2. Upon receipt of information indicating that Respondent was arrested on February 20, 2015 by the members of the Perth Amboy Police Department for violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-3B (Criminal Mischief), the Board sent a letter of inquiry

requesting certain information and documents regarding the criminal matter, Respondent's nursing practice, and continuing education to Respondent's address of record in Perth Amboy, via regular and certified mail, on or about March 13, 2015. The regular mailing was not returned and the certified mailing was returned as "Unclaimed" according to the United States Postal Service tracking system.

3. To date, Respondent has not replied 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 and 1.3, which the Board deems professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and also subjects Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

DISCUSSION

On September 3, 2015, the Board filed a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") based upon Respondent's failure to fully respond to the Board's letter of inquiry about her February 2015 arrest for criminal mischief. The POD seeks a suspension until Respondent fully responds to the Board's inquiry and a \$500 penalty for failure to cooperate with a Board investigation.

Respondent responded to the POD and provided all of the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry. The Board was persuaded that the submitted materials merited modification of the POD by eliminating the suspension but maintaining the \$500 penalty. Respondent's failure to timely respond to the letter of inquiry necessitated the filing of the POD with the concomitant expenditure of time, effort and resources.

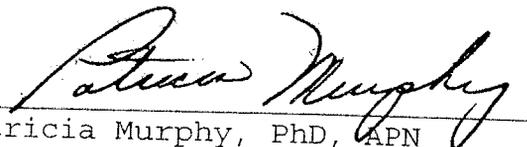
ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 22nd day of March, 2016,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for failure to cooperate with a Board investigation.
2. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to State Board of Nursing, Attention: Leslie Burgos, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment shall be rejected and shall be returned to the party making the payment. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of filing of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event

Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: 
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
President