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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

NAOMI DERRICK, R.N.
License # 26NR13632300

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
OF LICENSE**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") on July 8, 2016 upon the filing by the Acting Attorney General of New Jersey ("Attorney General") of a Verified Complaint and application for temporary suspension of the nursing license of Naomi Derrick, RN ("Respondent"). The Attorney General alleged in the Verified Complaint that among other things on or about May 15, 2016, Respondent was terminated from her position at AtlantiCare Hospital in Atlantic City, New Jersey, after she was witnessed threatening a 10-year-old developmentally disabled patient that she would "give him the needle" if he did not behave, then sticking him with a hypodermic needle at least 6 times; standing on his foot to restrain him;

and grabbing and bending his finger backward until an audible crack was heard.

On July 8, 2016 the Board entered an Order to Show Cause as to why Respondent's license should not be temporarily suspended pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(h). A show cause hearing by a committee of the Board was scheduled for July 12, 2016 at 9:15 a.m.

The allegations regarding Respondent's conduct, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in gross negligence, malpractice and incompetence which endangered the life, health, welfare, safety or property of a person in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c); repeated acts of negligence, malpractice and incompetence in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d); professional or occupational misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e); and/or demonstrates the failure to be of good moral character as required for licensing as a nurse pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-26, all of which provide a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent's license including, but not limited to, the temporary suspension of her license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(h).

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2016, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a temporary suspension.
2. Respondent's license to practice nursing shall remain suspended pending further

order of the Board and pending the resolution of any and all criminal charges that may be filed against her during the pendency of this Order.

3. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward her nursing license, both wallet and wall versions, to the Board's attorney, Barbara J.K. Lopez, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.

5. Respondent shall appear before the Board prior to any reinstatement of her license and the Board may impose discipline or restrictions at the time of Respondent's petition for reinstatement.

6. Prior to any reinstatement, Respondent shall undergo a comprehensive mental health evaluation under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of the Institute for Nursing ("RAMP") and shall gain RAMP's support for reinstatement, and shall demonstrate to the Board that she is fit and competent to return to the practice of nursing in this State.

7. Respondent expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning RAMP reports and disclosures to the Board, and use by the Board of that information in any licensing proceedings. All costs associated with the evaluation and/or monitoring outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, Respondent.

8. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.

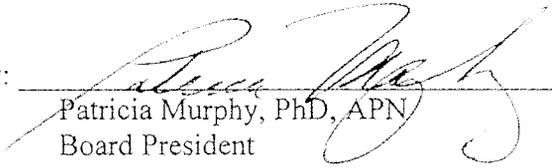
9. The entry of this Order is without prejudice to the further investigation of and/or

prosecution for any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

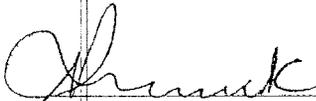
10. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon Respondent's conduct, including her conduct as alleged above.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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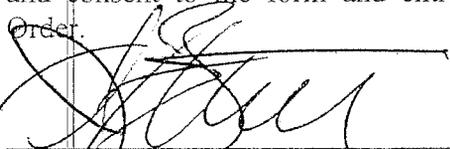

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand this Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the form and entry of this Order.



Naomi Derrick
License # 26NR13632300

I have reviewed this Order with my client and consent to the form and entry of this Order.



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Counsel for Naomi Derrick