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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF **DOROTHEA HARVILIK, RN** **License No. 26No08789100** TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action **CONSENT ORDER**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Dorothea Harvilik ("Respondent"), a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey, was terminated from her place of nursing employment for professional misconduct which relates adversely to patient care or safety. Respondent was employed as a home care nurse and was assigned to provide skilled nursing care to a ventilator dependent, bed-bound patient who had a

tracheostomy. The patient's mother noticed scratches on the hands of the patient so she set up a video camera in the patient's room. The video purports to show Respondent slapping the patient and being extremely rough with the patient.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) which would provide a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

It appearing that Respondent was nearing the time of retirement and agrees to voluntarily enter into an agreement permanently revoking her license 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 18th **DAY OF** November, **2016, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:**

1. The license to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey, issued to Respondent, Dorothea Harvilik, is hereby voluntarily surrendered, to be deemed a permanent revocation of license, effective immediately. Respondent shall not hereafter apply for reinstatement of

license.

2. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward all nursing licenses, both wallet and wall versions, to Barbara J.K. Lopez, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Nursing.

3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey.

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

5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of 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.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

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

Dorothea Harvilik

Dorothea Harvilik, RN
License # 26NO08789100

Consent as to form and entry.

Joseph Potashnik, Esq.
Attorney for Dorothea Harvilik, RN