

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       CHRISTINA BAILEY, R.N.  
              License No.: 0001-174206**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on September 19, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Christina Bailey, R.N., may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by James E. Rutkowski, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Bailey was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Christina Bailey, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-174206 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 9, 2001. The license is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2014. Ms. Bailey also holds a license to practice professional nursing in Florida, which is expired. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Based upon the representations of James E. Rutkowski, Adjudication Specialist, and Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Statement of Particulars, Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 2, the Affidavit of Mailing, and Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 4, the U.S. Postal Service online tracking of the Notice sent by certified mail, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Bailey and the hearing proceeded in her absence.

3. On October 9, 2012, Ms. Bailey was admitted to Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News, Virginia, for a self-inflicted gunshot wound after drinking heavily and taking Klonopin (clonazepam, Schedule IV). She was diagnosed with depressive disorder, not otherwise specified, and opiate dependence.
4. On December 7, 2012, Ms. Bailey's primary care provider, who prescribed narcotics to her for pain, stated to a Department of Health Professions investigator that Ms. Bailey was not safe to practice nursing.
5. From October, 2011, to October, 2012, Ms. Bailey obtained prescriptions for approximately 2948 dosage units of narcotics from approximately 5 different treatment providers, some of whom prescribed the same narcotics to her on the same day.
6. During the course of her employment with Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Virginia, on May 23, 2011, Ms. Bailey was observed sleeping while on duty. Eastern State Hospital terminated Ms. Bailey's employment as a result of the incident.
7. During the course of her employment with Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, on February 13, 2009, Ms. Bailey admitted that she removed ibuprofen in the name of a patient, who did not have a physician's order for the medication, and she administered the medication to the patient's spouse, who also did not have a physician's order for the medication. Bon Secours terminated Ms. Bailey's employment as a result of the incident.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board concludes that:

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3, 4, and 5 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 6 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.
3. Finding of Fact No. 7 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.


**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

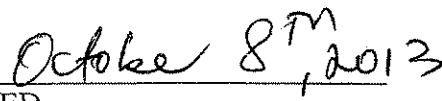
1. License No. 0001-174206 issued to Christina Bailey, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Ms. Bailey will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Bailey seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license privilege prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
3. At such time as Ms. Bailey shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Bailey's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD

  
Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

**Certified True Copy**  
By   
**Virginia Board of Nursing**

  
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**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.