

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR MARCH 1999

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Springfield, Ill., April 1999 -- Leonard A. Sherman, Director of the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, announced the following disciplinary actions taken by the Department for the month of **March 1999**.

ACCOUNTANT

Howard M. London, Buffalo Grove -- public accountant license indefinitely suspended for failing to comply with required continuing education hours.

James J. Slattery, Chicago -- public accountant license reprimanded and fined \$2,000 for failing to comply with required continuing education hours.

Willard S. Thomas, Fort Myers Beach, FL -- public accountant license reprimanded and fined \$1,000 for failing to comply with required continuing education hours.

ARCHITECT

Manik Decorating, Chicago -- unlicensed architectural design firm ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of architecture.

BARBER

The following individuals' barber licenses were revoked for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support:

Daryl L. Parker, Summit

Richard J. Wright, Urbana

COSMETOLOGY

Minerva Montes-Esparza, Cicero -- cosmetologist license placed on indefinite probation after defaulting on an Illinois Student Assistance Commission loan.

Guillermina C. Rodriguez, Leland -- cosmetologist license placed in refuse to renew status for allegedly submitting false documentation as evidence of continuing education.

Annie Scott, Chicago -- cosmetologist license reprimanded and fined \$100 for allowing an unlicensed individual to practice cosmetology for three weeks.

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The Grand, Chicago -- cosmetology salon reprimanded and fined \$1,000 for alleged unlicensed practice at the salon.

DENTISTRY

Jasper Robinson Jr., Hazel Crest -- dentist license revoked for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

Michael Schmookler, Niles -- dentist and controlled substance licenses placed on indefinite probation for allegedly prescribing controlled substances while his controlled substance license was expired and for allegedly engaging in unprofessional conduct with a female patient.

DETECTIVE, ALARM, SECURITY AND LOCKSMITH

Cort Chubko, Lockport -- permanent employee registration card placed on probation for five years after allegedly failing to report arrests to the Department.

Obrieann Hale, Chicago -- firearm authorization card issued and placed on probation for two years for falsifying information on a Department application.

E. Renee Lavala, Sauk Village -- permanent employee registration and firearm authorization cards reprimanded for failing to receive proper firearm qualifications while being employed in an armed capacity.

Fionn Lewis, Chicago -- permanent employee registration card reprimanded and fined \$25 for violating the terms and conditions of a previously ordered probation.

Fred R. Park, Chicago -- permanent employee registration card issued and placed on probation for two years for failing to disclose criminal conviction history on his application.

Mario A. Rivero, Chicago -- permanent employee registration card denied for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

Ricky Weatherspoon, Chicago -- firearm authorization card denied for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

MEDICAL

Luis O. Bacayo, Ransom -- probation of physician and controlled substance licenses extended until Nov. 13, 2001, for failing to comply with a previously ordered probation.

Prasert Luangkesorn, Morton Grove -- physician and surgeon license indefinitely suspended for engaging in immoral conduct by committing an act of sexual misconduct with a patient.

Ramesh Babu Vemuri, Crystal Lake -- physician and surgeon license indefinitely suspended for allegedly engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a patient.

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NAIL TECHNOLOGY

Linh M. Nguyen, Tempe, AZ -- nail technician license placed in refuse to renew status for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

The following individuals' nail technician licenses were reprimanded and fined \$100 for practicing without a license:

Linh Thi My Le, Champaign

Ut Thi Nguyen, Berwyn

NURSING

Laurie K. Alumbaugh, Sterling -- licensed practical nurse license placed on probation for three years after she unlawfully converted Tylenol #3, a narcotic medication, while employed at the New Beginnings Care Center in Rock Falls.

Romeo L. Carino, Chicago -- registered nurse license revoked for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

Ardith A. Carman, Pocahontas -- licensed practical nurse license reprimanded for administering over-the-counter medications to several nursing home residents before she received a physician order for the medications.

Karen Collins, El Paso -- licensed practical nurse license revoked for being unable to account for a missing box of Vicodin, a narcotic medication, while she was employed at Maple Lawn Homes in Eureka.

Wanda Jean Conyers, Washington Park -- licensed practical nurse license revoked for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

Junior Denning, Springfield -- licensed practical nurse license placed on probation for one year after allegedly allowing certified nursing aides to pass medications.

Mona Ginther, Bone Gap -- licensed practical nurse license reprimanded and fined \$300 for working at Red Hills Health Care Center in Sumner on an expired license for two months.

Susan Kalaine, Springfield, VA -- registered nurse license reprimanded after being disciplined in North Carolina for falsifying medical records.

Jill Kolb, Des Plaines -- registered nurse license issued and placed on probation for two years for having a history of alcohol dependence.

Dena Newberry, Decatur -- licensed practical nurse license revoked after pleading guilty to the criminal charges of deceptive practices, forgery and burglary.

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Linda Opalinski, Geneva -- registered nurse license placed on probation for three years after she reported to work with the smell of alcohol on her breath and having blood and urine alcohol levels above the legal limit.

Patricia Perkins, Bettendorf, IA -- registered nurse license issued and placed on indefinite probation after being disciplined in Kentucky.

Richard Purviance, Streator -- registered nurse license revoked for being intoxicated while providing home care to a 10-year-old boy on a ventilator and alcohol was missing from the home.

Teena Ralls, Anna -- licensed practical nurse license indefinitely suspended after being convicted on federal felony charges of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Margaret Riley, Rockford -- licensed practical nurse license indefinitely suspended for failing to provide a nursing assessment, call a code on a resident or initiate cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a resident while employed at Alpine Fireside Health Center.

Yolanda C. Sankey, Chicago -- licensed practical nurse license reprimanded and fined \$100 for allegedly failing to disclose criminal conviction history on her license application.

Sean Sobczak, Belleville -- licensed practical nurse license indefinitely suspended after diverting Vicodin and Tylenol No. 3 from his employer, the Royal Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Brian Trice, Chicago -- registered nurse license placed on probation for three years for allegedly touching a male patient in an inappropriate manner while he was employed at Cook County Hospital.

Bruce P. Van Auken, Orland Park -- registered nurse license indefinitely suspended for presenting fraudulent prescriptions for narcotic medications at a pharmacy on two separate occasions.

Bridget Van Meerveld, Belvidere -- licensed practical nurse license suspended for one year followed by probation for two years after allegedly diverting by forging a prescription and being impaired.

Yvonne Walker, Chicago -- licensed practical nurse license reprimanded for stealing medication while she was employed at Halsted Terrace nursing home.

The following individuals' registered nurse licenses were indefinitely suspended for failing to comply with previously ordered probations:

David Carey, St. John, IN
Susan Marie Spivey, Beach Park

Annie Toth-Ronduelas, Rolling Meadows

The following individuals' registered nurse licenses were reprimanded for practicing on non-renewed licenses:

Teresa McComas, Bloomington

Pamela Spiess, Johnson City

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The following individuals' licensed practical nurse licenses were placed on indefinite probation after defaulting on Illinois Student Assistance Commission loans:

Sherry R. Greer, Cypress

Pamela F. Jayne, Rantoul

NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR

Michael A. Van Meter, Bellevue, NE -- nursing home administrator license revoked for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

Jeffrey S. White, St. Charles -- nursing home administrator license suspended for three months and fined \$200 for modifying documentation submitted in response to an audit of continuing education hours.

OPTOMETRY

Norbert J. Kulpinski, Lake Zurich -- optometrist license reprimanded and fined \$150 for allegedly failing to have an ancillary license for one location.

PHARMACY

Denise R. Auer, Chicago -- pharmacy technician license suspended for 60 days after falsifying a prescription for medication containing a barbiturate and dispensing the medication to herself without being supervised by a pharmacist.

John Mark Biasco, Chicago -- pharmacy technician license issued and placed on probation for 18 months after admitting to a criminal conviction on his application.

Randolph Reed Hassen, Muskegan, MI -- pharmacist license indefinitely suspended after being disciplined in Michigan.

Lori A. Hogenson, Dixon -- pharmacy technician license revoked after being convicted in the Circuit Court of Whiteside County of the unlawful possession of a controlled substance which she diverted from the pharmacy where she was employed.

Medichem Research, Inc., Lemont -- controlled substance license reprimanded and fined \$500 for purchasing and possessing controlled substances while license was in non-renewed status.

Nursing Home Pharmacy, Chicago and Gautam Hirubhai Shah, Niles -- pharmacy license of Nursing Home Pharmacy placed on probation for one year and fined \$500, and pharmacy technician license suspended for 30 days followed by probation for one year after allegedly billing a false claim to an insurance company in the amount of \$2,000.

Judith Lynne Petersen, Crystal Lake -- pharmacist license suspended for 14 days for failing to comply with the terms and conditions of a previously ordered probation.

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Darrin K. Riley, Chicago -- pharmacy technician license revoked for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

Charles L. Rowe, Collinsville -- pharmacist license placed on indefinite probation after diverting and self medicating with controlled substances.

David G. Wojcik, Elgin -- pharmacist license suspended for 14 days after allegedly failing to ensure the pharmacy license was renewed and failing to perform, and submit to the department, a controlled substance inventory upon departing as the pharmacist-in-charge.

The following individuals' pharmacist licenses were restored to indefinite probation:

Mahdi Cezar, Downers Grove

Richard P. Crider, Quincy

PSYCHOLOGIST

Sheila Mannix, Barrington -- clinical psychologist license placed on probation for 18 months for engaging in a dual relationship with a patient for six months in which she allowed the patient to barter business services in exchange for professional services to the patient and his family.

Leslie Pratch, Chicago -- clinical psychologist license issued and placed on indefinite probation after disclosing on her application for licensure that she pleaded to a misdemeanor offense of attempted possession of a controlled substance in Cook County.

Kenith L. Robins, Provo, Utah -- clinical psychologist license indefinitely suspended for engaging in unethical and unprofessional conduct with respect to a female patient by having a personal relationship while actively providing psychological services to her.

SOCIAL WORKER

Bettye L. Lechner a/k/a Elizabeth Bormann, Dennison -- licensed clinical social worker license suspended for 60 days followed by indefinite probation after striking a two-year-old child in an effort to discipline him while in a family counseling session.

WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTORS

Boc Gases, Peru -- wholesale drug distributor license reprimanded and fined \$400 after operating on a non-renewed license.