

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:) CONSENT AGREEMENT
MARY G. RIDLEY,) REGARDING VOLUNTARY
of South Portland, Maine) SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Mary G. Ridley's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Mary G. Ridley, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of the Attorney General, State of Maine. By letter dated March 5, 1993 Ms. Ridley was advised by the Board that it had received a letter dated March 2, 1993 from Eloise Balasco, R.N., Vice President for Nursing, Mercy Hospital, stating that Ms. Ridley had been discharged from employment at the Hospital following her admission of misappropriation of hospital funds. This information was supplemented by additional written material. This Consent Agreement is to resolve this matter without further proceedings.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On February 24, 1994 Ms. Ridley was convicted of theft by deception, a Class B (felony) offense.

2. The facts underlying the offense involved Ms. Ridley's misappropriation of \$63,832.27 from Mercy Hospital, primarily in 1992. During this period of time Ms. Ridley was working at Mercy Hospital as a Unit Nurse Manager. The theft involved the forgery of hospital paychecks and time cards as well as other hospital documents.

3. Ms. Ridley was sentenced to imprisonment for a term of four years with all but 120 days suspended, followed by probation for a period of four years. Ms. Ridley was also ordered to make full restitution to Mercy Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND COVENANTS

The parties acknowledge that the above conduct constitutes violations of 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(G) and (F). Ms. Ridley agrees voluntarily to surrender her license to practice professional nursing in Maine. The Board accepts the voluntary surrender of Ms. Ridley's license.

Should Ms. Ridley petition the Board for reinstatement of her license the decision on reinstatement at that point will be at the discretion of the Board. The Board agrees to take no further action upon these facts so long as Ms. Ridley fully complies with this Consent Agreement.

Ms. Ridley understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which extinguishes her legal right to practice nursing in maine. Ms. Ridley understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Consent Agreement. Ms. Ridley

affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 11/20/95

Mary G. Ridley
MARY G. RIDLEY

FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING:

DATED: 12/15/95

Jean C. Caron
JEAN C. CARON, R.N.
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

DATED: 12/18/95

Tim W. Collier
TIMOTHY W. COLLIER
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