

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION
AND NURSING EDUCATION

vs.

FRANK PALIN
RI LICENSE NO. APRN00435
RI LICENSE NO RN 32681

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**BOARD OF NURSE
REGISTRATION
& NURSING EDUCATION**

Case #: C18-0646

AMENDED¹
SUMMARY SUSPENSION

1. Frank Palin (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-11 and holds license numbers APRN00435 and RN32681. At the time of the incident, he was practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse employed by Old Colony Hospice and Palliative Care, with offices located in Massachusetts.
2. Respondent is alleged to be in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-24 (2) and (6)(v) and in willful disregard of the standards of nursing practice, Standard of Practice (7) Ethics and the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses [R5-34-NUR/ED].
3. On or about May 22, 2018, the RI Department of Health received documents from the Town of Canton, Massachusetts Police Department indicating that Respondent, who had been working at Cornerstone located at 175 Revere Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021 on May 19, 2018, had sexually assaulted a patient in his care, and that the assault had been recorded by a surveillance video camera, with audio, on the premises, and

¹ Amended to reflect hearing date change to June 11, 2018

that Respondent had been charged with violation of Indecent Assault and Battery on a Person age 14 or Older that is both elderly and disabled in violation of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265, Section 13H.

4. Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the licenses of Respondent constitutes an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, the advanced practice registered nurse license and registered nurse license of Respondent are hereby **suspended effective May 29, 2018** pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-26 Grounds for Discipline Without a Hearing. Said **Suspension** shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-26, a **hearing on this matter is scheduled before the RI Board of Nurse Registration, etc. on June 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 401, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.** This hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 42-35 of the General Laws and the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Practices and Procedures Before the Department of Health." You have the right to appear personally, to be represented by counsel or an authorized representative, and to respond and present evidence and argument, and to present witnesses and cross-examine other witnesses. If you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, absent good cause, the Board will proceed with the hearing and enter an order based upon the evidence presented.

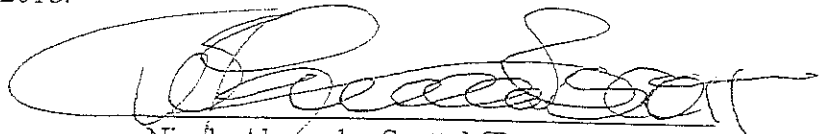
You have the right to require that the hearing before the Board be held in open session (open to the public). Unless you notify the Board that you want this hearing to be held open to the public, it will be held in closed session (closed to the public).

Intervention and Participation: Any person not initially a party who wishes to intervene or participate in a contested hearing shall file a written petition to intervene or participate with the

Administrative Hearing Officer. The motion shall set forth clearly and concisely the facts from which the nature of the movant's alleged right or interest can be determined, the grounds for the proposed intervention and the position of the movant in the proceeding. Intervenors shall be persons who have demonstrated an injury in fact which will result from a challenged action or application and whose interests are not adequately represented by other parties to the hearing. Any person permitted to intervene shall be a full party. Every petition to intervene shall be treated in the alternative as a petition to participate.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Bortolotti, Legal Counsel, at (401) 222-2137.

Signed this 29th day of May 2018.



Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I mailed the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION to Frank Palin via US

Postal mail on this 29th day of May 2018.

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