

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE,
INFECTIOUS DISEASE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**CENTER FOR EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES**

**In the Matter of:
ELIZABETH ANN ROSS, EMT-CARDIAC
LICENSE NUMBERS EMT14950 AND ERS14950**



Complaint Number C16-717

SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSES

Elizabeth Ann Ross, EMT-Cardiac (hereinafter “Respondent”) is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-4.1 and holds license numbers EMT14950 and ERS14950. This complaint came before the Department of Health, Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency Medical Services, Center for Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter “Department”) upon allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that constituted grounds for civil disciplinary action against her licenses pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §23-4.1-9 and Sections 4.0, 5.2 and 14.1 of the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services [R23-4.1EMS]* (the “Rules”). After careful consideration and further investigation by the Department, the following constitute the findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the actions of the Respondent alleged in the complaint:

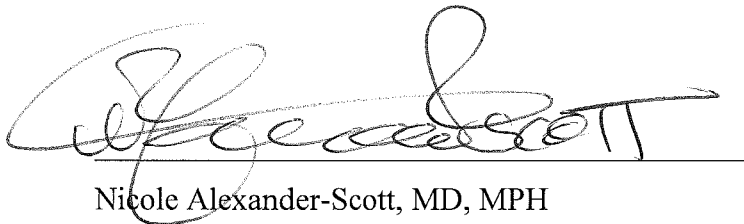
1. Respondent is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-4.1 and holds license numbers EMT14950 and ERS14950. She was issued her EMT-Cardiac license and Endotracheal Intubation (ERS) license on December 31, 2012.
2. On or about August 3, 2015, Respondent was charged with felony patient abuse in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws §23-17.8-1.

3. Thereafter, Respondent failed to fulfill her affirmative duty to report the existence of a felony charge to the Department within ten days.
4. In December 2015, Respondent failed to truthfully inform the Department as part of during the license renewal process that felony charges were pending against her.
5. On or about February 3, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of *Nolo Contendere* to the Rhode Island Superior Court to the charge of felony patient abuse, receiving a sentence of one year probation.
6. The above facts constitute violations of R.I. Gen. §23-4.1-9 and Sections 4.0, 5.2 and 14.1 of the Rules.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ordered:

1. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §23-4.1-9 and §42-35-14(c) and the Rules pertaining to unprofessional conduct, the Director has determined that public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action against the Respondent's professional licenses.
2. Accordingly, the Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac and ERS licenses of Respondent are hereby suspended. Said suspensions shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department.
3. Respondent is entitled to an administrative hearing to contest this summary suspension upon request within ten days of the date below in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §42-35-14(c).

Signed this 21st day of June, 2016.



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have delivered via IN HAND the written Summary Suspension to Elizabeth Ann Ross, EMT-C at the home address listed for her in the health professionals licensing system of the Department on this 23rd day of June, 2016.

Robert J DiMaio
State Constable #6211