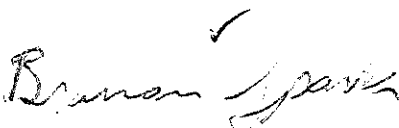


STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

RE: **BRENNAN MICHAEL SPARKS**
LPN11943
C20-0067



SUMMARY SUSPENSION

1. **Brennan Sparks** (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a licensed practical nurse pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-11 and holds license number LPN11943. At the time of the incident, he was practicing as a licensed practical nurse employed by Grand Islander, a Genesis HealthCare facility located at 333 Green End Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island
2. Respondent is alleged to be in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-24 (2) and Code of Ethics for Nurses, Provision No. 1; and the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses [R5-34-NUR/ED].
3. On or about January 13, 2020, the RI Department of Health received documents from the Middletown Police Department indicating that Respondent, a newly hired nurse (as of December 30, 2019) at the Grand Islander located at 333 Green End Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island was causing a disturbance.
4. On January 10, 2020, Respondent exposed himself and began performing sexual acts upon himself in the presence of the Director of Nursing, the Assistant Director of Nursing and one other nurse.

5. On or about January 10, 2020, Middletown Police arrived at the scene and observed that the Respondent's pants were still unzipped; thereafter Respondent admitted to the act and the sexual gratification resulting.

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Respondent constitutes an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, the Practical Nurse license of Respondent is hereby **suspended effective January 14, 2020** 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 January 23, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, 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 the Legal Department, at (401) 222-1036.

Signed this 14th day of January 2020.



Ana Novais
Deputy Director
R.I. Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill, Room 401 Providence, RI 02908-5097

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have hand-delivered the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION to Brennan Michael Sparks at 25 Elson Drive, Riverside, RI 02915 on this 16th day of January 2020.

Robert J DiMaio #6211

Constable name