



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
IN THE MATTER OF: MELISSA CORDEIRO  
License Number: NA 48239  
Complaint No.: C24-0402**

**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION  
OF NURSING ASSISTANT LICENSE**

**MELISSA CORDEIRO**, (“Respondent”), is licensed as a nursing assistant in Rhode Island under license number NA 48239. This Order is issued pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-14.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in Rhode Island under Nursing Assistant License NA 48239 with a status of Active Probation pursuant to a Consent Order ratified on August 24, 2023.
2. Under the terms of the Consent Order, Respondent must be employed at a hospital or nursing facility and may not be employed by an agency that provides home care. Respondent is currently employed at a nursing facility. The underlying factual basis for this Consent Order was the Respondent’s development of an inappropriate relationship with a patient.
3. Respondent was employed as a nursing assistant at a nursing facility where A.G. was a patient from the fall of 2022 through July 2023. Prior to A.G.’s discharge from the nursing facility, Respondent established an inappropriate personal relationship with A.G. which ultimately led to Respondent moving into A.G.’s home in South Kingstown, Rhode Island in August 2023 and establishing herself as A.G.’s caretaker and friend.
4. On or about September 2023 A.G. moved to a rehabilitation center where she remained until April of 2024 when Respondent removed A.G. from the facility and took her back to the South Kingstown home, where Respondent and A.G. continued to reside.
5. On or about May 26, 2024, a relative of A.G. with ownership rights in the property contacted the South Kingstown police who responded to the property and issued a no trespassing order to the Respondent for the property.

6. On or about June 7, 2024, Woonsocket police responded to Respondent's apartment for an A.G. wellness check and transported her to a hospital facility.
7. On August 24, 2024, police responded to a report of a Respondent being emotionally abusive to A.G. in the South Kingstown home. Respondent was arrested and charged with willful trespass. Later that same day the police received a call that Respondent had returned to the South Kingstown home and was attempting to coerce A.G. into her car. The police again responded and found A.G. in respondent's car on a nearby street. Respondent was pulled over and arrested by the South Kingstown police for willful trespass in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-44-26(a) in Rhode Island Fourth District Court, Case Nos. 41-2024-01171 and 41-2024-01193.
8. After considering the above facts, the Director of the Rhode Island Department Health finds that public health, safety, and welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

**ORDER**

1. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-14, Respondent's nursing assistant license is **SUSPENDED** until further order of the Rhode Island Department of Health.
2. Charges will be issued, and proceedings will be promptly initiated and determined.

Ordered this 30 day of August, 2024.



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Director

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