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DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

EDITORS: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-114 requires the Department of Health to issue a monthly press release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health related boards during the prior month. Below is a list of actions taken during the month of February 2004.

Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our web site at www.tennessee.gov/health. Click on "License Verification" and enter the name of the person. When the license information comes up, click on "disciplinary action" and then "view board order."

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Licensee: Linda Monteferrante, A&D Counselor, San Francisco, CA
Violation: Engaging in malpractice, negligence, incompetence or conduct not authorized in the course and scope of practice; breach of the NAADAC Code of Ethics or rules
Action: Six month suspension; must complete 30 hours of psychopharmacology continuing education.

Board of Medical Examiners

Licensee: Michael Birdsong, M.D., Cordova
Violation: Habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances or other drugs or stimulants in such a manner as to adversely affect the person's ability to practice medicine; conviction of a felony, conviction of any offense under state or federal drug laws, or conviction of any offense involving moral turpitude; engaging in the practice of medicine when mentally or physically unable to safely do so; violation of law regarding reporting requirements as they relate to the Mandatory Practitioner Profile.
Action: Indefinite suspension must attend Vanderbilt Comprehensive Assessment Program for Professionals and comply with their recommendations. Must obtain the advocacy of the Tennessee Medical Foundation.

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Abuse Registry Placements

Individual: Jessie Seymour, Unknown, Seymour
Violation: Theft/Misappropriation of Property while working in licensed or certified facility
Action: Placed on State Abuse Registry

Individual: Randall Carter, LPN, Bladenboro, NC
Violation: Physical Abuse/Neglect while working in a licensed or certified facility
Action: Placed on State Abuse Registry

Individual: Trinity Murner, CNA, Pleasant Hill
Violation: Theaft/Misapropriation of Property while working in a licensed or certified facility
Action: CNA Certification Revoked
Placed on State Abuse Registry

Individual: Letisha Wade, CNA, Jackson
Violation: Physical Abuse while working in a licensed or certified facility
Action: CNA Certification Revoked
Placed on State Abuse Registry

Individual: Tongela Fields, CNA, Memphis
Violation: Physical Abuse/Neglect while working in a licensed or certified facility
Action: CNA Certification Revoked
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Individual: Clemente Morales, CNA, Chattanooga
Violation: Physical/Verbal Abuse while working in a licensed or certified facility
Action: CNA Certification Revoked
Placed on State Abuse Registry

Individual: Betty Franklin, CNA, Knoxville
Violation: Physical/Verbal Abuse while working in a licensed or certified facility
Action: CNA Certification Revoked
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