

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
STATE OF COLORADO**

Case No. 2016-791

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**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4-104,  
C.R.S.**

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**IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS REGARDING THE  
LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN THE STATE OF  
COLORADO OF KIMBERLY JEANNE BURGANS, LICENSE NO. RN 1625146**

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**TO: KIMBERLY JEANNE BURGANS, R.N.**

The State Board of Nursing ("Board"), Panel A, having conducted a full investigation as to the matters referenced below **HEREBY FINDS:**

1. Kimberly Jeanne Burgans, R.N. ("Respondent") was licensed to practice as a professional nurse in the state of Colorado on or about January 16, 2014, being issued license number RN 1625146, and has been so licensed at all times relevant hereto.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter herein.
3. On or about March 21, 2016, the Board considered information regarding the following conduct:
  - a. On or about January 15, 2016, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at St. Anthony Summit Medical Center ("Summit Medical Center") in Frisco, Colorado.
  - b. On that date, an employee of Summit Medical Center found four empty carpjets of hydromorphone at the base of a plant next to the toilet in the women's locker room at Summit Medical Center. A Pyxis audit was then completed on all employees who had withdrawn hydromorphone. The audit revealed that from November 1, 2015 through January 15, 2016, Respondent pulled a substantially higher amount of injectable Hydromorphone (between 750% and 886% higher) and injectable Fentanyl

(between 500% and 788% higher) than Respondent's colleagues.

- c. A review of patient charts for whom Respondent had provided care to indicated that Respondent documented administering Hydromorphone and Fentanyl to patients when the patients' pain scale did not indicate a need for pain medication.
- d. On or about January 15, 2016, Respondent agreed to undergo a for-cause drug screen. The drug screen was conducted as Respondent was beginning her shift. The results of the drug screen were positive for Fentanyl. Respondent had no valid prescription for Fentanyl.
- e. On Respondent's last shift prior to January 15, 2016, a colleague observed a syringe and needle inside Respondent's personal bag.
- f. On or about March 9, 2016, Respondent was charged in Summit County Case No. 2016CR58 with two counts Possession of a Controlled Substance by Fraud/Deceit, a class 4 felony in violation of section 18-18-415(1)(a), and one count Theft (\$50-\$300). On or about March 19, 2016, Respondent was arrested in relation to these charges.

4. Based upon the information obtained in the Board's investigation, objective and reasonable grounds exist to believe, and the Board so finds, that Respondent is guilty of deliberate and willful violation of Article 38, Title 12, C.R.S., (Nurse Practice Act) and/or the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately upon signature by an authorized representative of the Board, the license to practice as a professional nurse of Kimberly Jeanne Burgans, R.N., is summarily suspended pursuant to section 24-4-104(4), C.R.S., pending proceedings to determine whether Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse should be further disciplined in accordance with sections 12-38-116.5 and 12-38-117, C.R.S. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined.

Pending the outcome of said proceedings, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kimberly Jeanne Burgans, R.N., immediately cease, desist, and refrain from any further acts for which a license to practice as a professional nurse is required by the laws of the state of Colorado.

Dated and signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

FOR THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Georgia G. Roberts", written over a horizontal line.

Georgia G. Roberts  
Program Director



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State Board of Nursing

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Order of Summary Suspension, regarding the license to practice as a professional nurse of Kimberly J. Burgans, and was sent via **FIRST CLASS MAIL** at Denver, Colorado this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2016, addressed as follows:

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