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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF  
THE CERTIFICATE OF

**Afua Dankwah, C.H.H.A.  
Certificate No. 26NH19047300**

TO PRACTICE AS A CERTIFIED  
HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**Administrative Action**

**CONSENT ORDER OF  
PERMANENT REVOCATION**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of an arrest report indicating that Afua Dankwah ("Respondent"), a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey, was arrested on October 27, 2020 by the Monroe Township. Police Department for knowingly acting in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental, or moral welfare of an elderly or disabled person. Specifically, it is alleged that on October 24, 2020, the supervising RN at Juniper Village/Well Springs Assisted Living Facility went to the apartment of a female patient suffering from dementia who had in-room home health aides assigned to her 24 hours a

day. The RN knocked at the door of the apartment and, when there was no response, used the key to enter. Upon entry, she found the elderly dementia female patient tied to the chair at the waist with a nightgown. Respondent, the assigned home health aide, was in the bathroom. When questioned, Respondent admitted tying the patient to the chair to prevent the patient from moving while she was in the bathroom.

Respondent's criminal matter is still pending in Gloucester County.

The Board has considered Respondent's actions and finds that cause exists for disciplinary sanctions for: gross negligence in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c); professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e); and engaging in an act constituting a crime or offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

The parties, the Attorney General and Respondent, desire to resolve this matter without formal proceedings; Respondent being represented and advised by counsel, Thomas C. Blauvelt, Esq., voluntarily consents to the within Consent Order and waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2021,  
**ORDERED:**

1. Afua Dankwah is hereby granted leave and shall immediately and permanently surrender her certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey. Said surrender shall be deemed a permanent revocation of Respondent's certification and Respondent shall not apply for reinstatement of her certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey at any future time.

2. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order, forward her homemaker-home health aide certificate, including all wallet and wall versions, any biennial registration cards, and the most recent renewal card, together with this signed Consent Order to Leslie Burgos, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey and/or practicing as a homemaker-home health aide, which includes but is not limited to performing nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the authority of a duly licensed professional nurse. Any practice in this State by Respondent shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-18.1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 45:1-25 as well as further sanction for violation of a Board Order pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4.

4. The parties hereby stipulate that the entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing homemaker-home health aide practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation. The Board retains the right to enforce the terms of this Order.

5. Any violation of this Order by Respondent shall constitute grounds for such further proceedings as are permitted by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Barbara Blozen Ed.D. MA RN-BC CNL  
Barbara B. Blozen, Ed.D, MA, RN-BC, CNL  
Board President

I have read and understand the above Consent Order and  
I agree to abide by its terms.  
I understand that this Consent Order has serious legal  
consequences. I have been represented and advised by counsel, Thomas C. Blauvelt,  
Esq., and I choose to voluntarily enter into this Consent Order.  
Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Afya Dankwah  
Afya Dankwah, CHHA  
7/16/21  
Date

I consent to the form of this Order

Thomas C. Blauvelt, Esq.

7/16/21  
Date