The attached are Primary Source Documents of the Idaho Board of Nursing for:

CARA STARK SIMMONS
PN-8373

Idaho Board of Nursing – PO Box 83720 – Boise, Idaho 83720-0061 – (208) 334-3110
BEFORE THE IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of the License of: CARA LORRAINE STARK, License No. PN-8373, ) Case No. BON 02-082 ) FINDINGS OF FACT ) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW ) AND WRITTEN REPRIMAND )

Respondent

Respondent Cara Lorraine Stark (hereinafter “Respondent”) has been charged with violations of the standards of nursing practice arising out of her employment at the Burley Care Center, Young Adult Behavior Unit. The matter came on for hearing before the Idaho State Board of Nursing (hereinafter “Board”) during its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2003. Respondent appeared without benefit of counsel. Members of the Board present and participating in the hearing were Daniel Bauer, RN, Shirlie Meyer, RN, Analyn Frasure, LPN, Karen Ellis, RN, Claudeen Buettner, RN, Judy Hansen, LPN, Jill Howell, RN, Randall Hudspeth, RN, NP, and Sheri Florence, Consumer Member of the Board.

The Board, having reviewed the documents and correspondence contained in the administrative file in this matter, and good cause appearing therefore, hereby enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Written Reprimand.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Cara Lorraine Stark is licensed by the Idaho State Board of Nursing and holds license number PN-8373.

2. On or about December 8, 2002, Respondent was in the employment of the Burley Care Center and was assigned to the Young Adult Behavioral Unit.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL ORDER - 1
3. Patient BV was a resident in the Young Adult Behavioral Unit. Patient BV had suffered traumatic brain injuries and, as a result, engaged in inappropriate sexual behaviors including inappropriate touching, sexual innuendo, and behaving in a sexually aggressive or threatening manner.

4. In order to address these behaviors, a unit care management plan had been instituted concerning Patient BV’s care and the terms of that plan had been incorporated into the patient’s chart. Respondent was aware of the nature of Patient BV’s injuries and of the existence of the unit care management plan.

5. Respondent discussed body piercing with Patient BV while he was a resident of the Young Adult Behavioral Unit. Respondent brought a picture of a nipple piercing to the unit and showed it to Patient BV.

6. At all times relevant to this matter, Patient BV was past the legal age of majority. In the days immediately preceding these events, Patient BV had been permitted to leave the Burley Care Center to spend the weekend with his girlfriend. BV was not restricted to the Burley Care Center premises and was permitted to come and go from the facility.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The facts as stated above fall within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Board as set forth in title 54, chapter 14, Idaho Code.

2. The Board has authority to take disciplinary action against the practice of any licensee, if it determines that the licensee has engaged in behavior that constitutes grounds for discipline. Idaho Code Section 54-1413(1)(g).
3. Violations of the standards of conduct and practice constitutes grounds for imposition of discipline. IDAPA 23.01.01.100.08. Actions based on the violation of any standard of conduct may include issuance of letters of reprimand. IDAPA 23.01.01.101.01.

4. The professional responsibility standard of conduct mandates that the nurse not abuse patient trust. The nurse is obligated to respect the dignity of the profession and maintain appropriate professional boundaries with respect to patients and others. IDAPA 23.01.01.101.05.

5. A nurse who engages in a discussion concerning body piercing and brings a picture of a nipple piercing to show a patient (particularly one who is the subject of a unit management plan due to his inappropriate sexual conduct), and sharing the picture with a patient fails to respect the dignity of the profession and fails to maintain appropriate professional boundaries.

6. Respondent, despite her awareness of the nature of his brain injuries and the existence of the unit care management plan, engaged in a discussion concerning body piercing and brought a picture of a nipple piercing and showed it to Patient BV, despite her awareness of the nature of his brain trauma and the existence of the unit care management plan.

7. By engaging in a discussion concerning body piercing, bringing a picture of a nipple piercing and showing the picture to Patient BV, Respondent failed to respect the dignity of the profession and failed to maintain appropriate professional boundaries.

8. By failing to respect the dignity of the profession and failing to maintain appropriate professional boundaries, Respondent violated the nursing standards of conduct.

7. Respondent’s violation of the nursing standards of conduct constitutes sufficient basis for the imposition of an order of discipline, in the form of a written reprimand.
ORDER OF REPRIMAND

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Respondent is officially reprimanded for her conduct with respect to the events transpiring at the Burley Care Center on or about December 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

This is a Final Order of the agency. Any party may file a motion for reconsideration of this Final Order within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this Order. The agency will dispose of the petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See Idaho Code § 67-5246(4).

Pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 67-5270 and 67-5272, any party aggrieved by this Final Order or orders previously issued in this case may appeal this Final Order and all previously issued orders in this case to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which:

i. A hearing was held,

ii. The final agency action was taken,

iii. The party seeking review of the order resides or operates its principal place of business in Idaho, or

iv. The real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.

An appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days (a) of the service date of this Final Order, (b) of an order denying petition for reconsideration, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration, whichever is later. See Idaho Code § 67-5273. The filing of an appeal to district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL ORDER - 4
DATED this 25th day of September, 2003.

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:  
DANIEL BAUER, RN,
Chairman

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of September, 2003, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL ORDER, addressed as follows:

Cara Lorraine Stark  
2439 Miller Ave  
Burley, ID 83318

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Executive Director
Board of Nursing
Cara Lorraine Stark
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Cara Lorraine Stark
2439 Miller Ave
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BEFORE THE IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of the License of: Case No. 02-082
CARA LORRAINE STARK, COMPLAINT
License No. PN-8373,
Respondent.

To: Cara Lorraine Stark
2439 Miller Ave.
Burley, ID 83318

1.

The Idaho State Board of Nursing (hereinafter the “Board”) is empowered by Idaho Code Section 54-1404 to regulate the practice of nursing in the State of Idaho.

2.

Cara Lorraine Stark (hereinafter “Respondent”), is licensed by the Idaho State Board of Nursing under License No.PN-8373 to engage in the practice of practical nursing.

3.

On or about December 8, 2002 it came to the attention of Respondent’s former employer, Burley Care Center, that Respondent had given a patient on the Young Adult Behavioral Unit a color photograph of clitoral piercing. This information was sent in the form of a complaint to the Board’s staff on December 11, 2002.

4.

Respondent’s conduct as set forth above constitutes grounds for discipline as follows:

a. Respondent’s conduct was of a violation of professionalism in that it abused the patient’s trust, failed to respect the dignity of the profession, and failed to maintain appropriate professional boundaries. Respondent’s said conduct was in violation of Idaho Code Section 54-1413(1)(g) and IDAPA 23.01.01.100.08 and 23.01.01.101.05.h
5.

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 54-1413, the Board is authorized to enter an order of suspension or revocation of Respondent’s license for Respondent’s violations of Idaho Code and the Board’s duly promulgated rules, as set forth above.

WHEREFORE, the Idaho State Board of Nursing prays for the following action:

1. That a hearing commence at a designated time to allow evidence on the allegations contained in the Complaint to be presented before the Board or the Board’s designated hearing officer;

2. That subsequent to taking evidence, the waiver of a hearing, or the failure of the Respondent to file an Answer to this administrative Complaint, that the Board, or its designated hearing officer, shall issue findings of fact and conclusions of law finding the violations of law alleged herein and the Board shall determine whether the license of Respondent Cara Lorraine Stark should be revoked, suspended or other disciplinary sanctions imposed pursuant to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board of Nursing; and

3. For such other and further relief as the Board deems just and proper in the circumstances.

Dated this 17th day of MARCH, 2003.

Sandra Evans, M.A.Ed., R.N.
Executive Director
Board of Nursing

NOTIFICATION OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act codified at title 67, chapter 52, Idaho Code, and the Idaho Rules of the Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General, promulgated at IDAPA 04.11.01, if you wish to contest the charges set forth in this Complaint, you must: (1) file with the Idaho State Board of Nursing a verified Answer to the allegations contained herein within twenty-one (21) days after you are served with this Complaint and (2) request an evidentiary hearing on the charges. You are further notified that if you fail to answer and/or request a hearing, the Board may
enter a default against you and be granted the relief sought in this Complaint. Upon receipt of your Answer and request for hearing, the matter will be reviewed and a hearing scheduled. You will then be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing, the name of the hearing officer appointed by the Board (if any) and further notification of your procedural rights and responsibilities.

You also have the right to be represented by legal counsel, at your own expense, during this administrative proceeding.

Copies of the Administrative Procedure Act and the Idaho Rules of the Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General may be obtained at the Idaho State Law Library.

All original official documents must be filed with the Board at the following address:

Idaho State Board of Nursing
280 N. Eighth Street, Suite 210
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0061
telephone: (208) 334-3110
facsimile: (208) 334-3262

A copy of the Answer and every pleading, motion or subsequent document filed with the Board must also be served upon legal counsel for the Board at the following address:

Cheri L. Bush
Deputy Attorney General
Civil Litigation Division
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0010
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17TH day of MARCH, 2003, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing addressed as follows:

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Burley, ID 83318

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Executive Director

COMPLAINT - 4
BEFORE THE IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of the License of: )

) Case No. 02-082

CARA LORRAINE STARK, ) NOTICE OF HEARING
License No. PN-8373, )

) Respondent.

To: Cara Lorraine Stark
2439 Miller Ave.
Burley, ID 83318

Pursuant to the provisions of title 54, chapter 14, Idaho Code, and the duly promulgated rules of the Idaho State Board of Nursing, you are hereby notified and requested to appear before the Board on the 31st day of July, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. (MDT) at the Red Lion Suites, 424 Parkcenter Blvd. In Boise, ID 83706, and from time to time thereafter as may be required by the Board, to show cause, if any, why your license to practice nursing in the State of Idaho should not be revoked, suspended, or otherwise disciplined.

You are further notified that you may appear with or without the assistance of an attorney on the day and at the time and place specified in this Notice of Hearing and present testimony with respect to the allegations in the Complaint, filed on January 28, 2003.

All persons requiring assistance pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or understand the hearing must request such assistance ten (10) days in advance of the hearing by contacting the Board Office at the number or address listed below.

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act codified at title 67, chapter 52, Idaho Code, and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General, promulgated at IDAPA 04.11.01. Copies of the Administrative Procedure Act and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General may be obtained at the Idaho State Law Library.

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NOTICE OF HEARING - 1
Cheri L. Bush, Deputy Attorney General
Civil Litigation Division
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0010

DATED this 25th day of March, 2003.

STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: Cheri L. Bush
Deputy Attorney General

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of March, 2003, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Cara Lorraine Stark
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CHERI L. BUSH
Deputy Attorney General

NOTICE OF HEARING - 2
FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO:  VICKY Goettsche  
FROM:  Paul Crock - Admin. 
COMMENTS:  ED. Bd. of Nursing  
DATE:  12-11-02  
FAX NUMBER:  208 334-3262  
TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:  9  
PHONE NUMBER:  208 334-3110  
SENDER'S REFERENCE NUMBER:  208-678-3727  
RE:  208-678-9474  
YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER:  

☐ URGENT  ☐ FOR REVIEW  ☐ PLEASE COMMENT  ☐ PLEASE REPLY  ☐ PLEASE RECYCLE  

NOTES/COMMENTS:  Please call if you have any questions.  

PLEASE CALL IMMEDIATELY IF TRANSMISSION PROBLEMS OCCUR.  

☐ HARD COPY TO FOLLOW  ☐ NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW  

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: The Medical documents which accompany this transmission are of a confidential matter and are the expressed property of Burley Care Center. This information is intended only for the individual facility mentioned above. If you have received this information in error you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution, or taking any action in regards to the content of this transmittal is strictly prohibited. If received in error, please mail all correspondence to the Health Information Department at Burley Care Center and follow up with a telephone call.
REPORT FORM FOR VIOLATION OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ACT

I. Name of Complainant: Paul D. Crook, Administrator
   Address: 1934 Overland
   City/State: Burley, ID
   Telephone: Home 208 678-2726 Business 208 678-9474

II. Identifying information about whom the complaint is being made:
   (Please check appropriate box)
   - Professional Nurse (RN)
   - Licensed Practical Nurse
   - Nursing Assistant
   - Advanced Practice Professional Nurse: NP/CNM/CNS/CRNA
   - Other

   Name: Cara L. Stark
   Address: 2439 Miller Ave
   City/State: Burley, ID 83318
   Position: LPN

   Employer:
   Name: Burley Care Center
   Address: 1729 Miller Ave
   City/State: Burley, ID 83318

III. Nature of Complaint:
   (Confine statements to actual incidents, giving dates, places and names of persons involved.) Explain what happened, where it happened, and the date and time it happened. Attach copies of relevant records, if possible.

   LPN Cara Stark brought a color picture of vaginal piercing (here) & gave the picture to a resident on our young adult behavioral unit. The picture was pornographic in nature. Presentation of this picture to the resident was unannounced, probably causing contributed to him actually aggressive behavior over the next few days following presentation of picture.

IV. Did any other person(s) witness this incident? If so, please give name(s),
   Janelle Valley, RN, Burley Care Center (208) 678-9474
   Kimberly Wilson, RN
V. Additional Comments:

Presentation of the picture by Care, was reported to CNA Brandie Hill CMA. The other NAs listed in Section IV either were shown the picture by Brett, or were the brunt of his sexual aggressiveness.

* See ATTACHED narrative page #

Only one statement from one employee accompanies this complaint. Additional statements are on file.

The identity of the complainant will remain confidential except when the complainant may be subpoenaed to testify in a formal hearing procedure.

The Idaho Board of Nursing is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate or deny services on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex and/or disability.
December 11, 2002

On Dec 8th, it came to the DNS and Administrator’s attention, that Brett Vannucci a resident on the Young Adult Unit, had been given a color picture of one of the LPN’s (Cara Stark) vaginal piercings. The picture was reported to be quite pornographic. The following morning (12-9-02), the DNS and Administrator called the LPN into the office to ask her about the incident, and she did not deny giving the picture to Brett. She said she didn’t think anything of it, and she and her husband had shown lots of people pictures of their piercings, as that is work that her husband does.

Cara Stark was immediately put on suspension, pending investigation. Documentation and testimony of staff members who had been party to the incident were interviewed and asked to submit statements. Statements were submitted by 5 different employees.

When the resident Brett Vannucci was interviewed, he indicated he has ear piercings and was talking to Cara about piercings. She told him she has several. He said he told her he wanted to see them, and she told him he couldn’t. He said why not, and she told him because of where they were. He said I want to see them…. She again said no. Brett said that two days later, Cara brought him a picture of her piercings. Brett said he was shocked. He had not asked her to bring him a picture. He said he was not offended, just shocked. He also said Cara is a good nurse though, and he did not want to see her fired.

Brett’s behaviors on the Young Adult Unit did become more sexually aggressive for 2 or 3 days following the picture incident. This incident may not have been the sole contributor to escalation of his behaviors, but no doubt were a strong contributor. The Young Adult Unit Manager was required to visit with Brett on a couple of occasions, concerning his behaviors.
DATE: 12-8-02
PERSON INVOLVED: B.V.
SHIFT: Days

CONCERN OR COMMENT:
12-4-02 Bret asked me to come in his room he had something to tell me. Bret told me Cari the nurse had been in their talking to him about body piercings and she had flashed her breast to him to show him her nipple piercing. A couple of days later Bret called me back in. His mom said she had something to show me. He said there is a piece of paper in my top drawer so I got the piece of paper out. Bret said look at that. I unfolded the paper and there was a picture of a female's genitals with piercing. Bret said can you guess what that is. I told Bret I didn't want to know but he shouldn't have that picture here. Bret said I can keep it. Cari gave it to me to show me her piercing piercings.

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CONCERN & COMMENT FORM

DATE: ______________________
PERSON INVOLVED: ______________________
SHIFT: ______________________

CONCERN OR COMMENT:
I asked Bret can the nurse, Bret said yes the nurse. Don't tell anybody.
incident #1
Bret told me come here. I said Bret I am right here. Bret said no come here.
Bret gave me a hug and was holding on to me very tight and started kissing my cheek and neck. I told Bret to stop it was inappropriate then he stuck his tongue in my ear. I pushed Bret very strongly back and told him he could not be doing this with me or any other aides.

incident #2
Albert bumped into Bret's chair. I was just coming around the corner from the front office. Arlene was there and Bret and Albert. When Albert bumped Bret's chair

PERSON FILING COMPLAINT/COMMENT: ______________________

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Bret became very angry and stood up out of his wheelchair, doubled up his fist like he was going to punch Albert. I interviewed stood in the middle and put my full forearm across his chest, got Brett to sit down. Arlene then said to Brett she did not appreciate him behaving in such a manner and Brett started yelling at Arlene saying Albert attacked him and he is tired of it. That is the 5th time Albert has attacked him. Both Arlene & Myself at the same time told Brett, Albert nudged into your chair. Brett argued and swore at us. Brett said I'll teach him, I could choke him and scare him so he'll leave me alone. I told Brett that is enough. Brett then talked to Arlene.

Brandy Hill
CNA
To Whom it may concern:

The recent developments which have caused my suspension from work for the past 3 days, having really been bothering me, and I have sought legal counsel about this issue.

Never in my 17 years as a nurse have I been suspended from work, nor have I had such a serious allegation made towards me. I would never willfully distribute pornographic material to anyone. Body piercing and tattooing are something my husband does for other people, and when asked by Brett Vannuci about this I did not realize I was in any way in any violation of any rules of the Young Adult Unit. I have not received any orientation to this unit, have had no rules explained to me by any person in charge of any of the facility, the only rule I did not know of, was no person under the age of 18 was allowed in the unit. Had I been informed of any of the rules of the unit, none of this would have taken place.

As such, this letter is my intent to terminate my employment with Burley Care Center, effective 2 weeks from today's date, 12-10-02.

Cara Stack
This is in response to a letter I received from the Idaho Board of Nursing, relative to a complaint received from the Burley Care Center about me. I categorically deny the accusations made against me. Never, at any time was any such picture shown to a resident of any part of the facility by me. The only picture that was shown by me, was of a nipple piercing, taken from the internet, that did not show the sex or the person in the picture. The resident in question had a computer and access to the internet. The picture was shown to the resident, after he had been speaking with staff on the Young Adult Unit about piercing, and I stated that I had seen some piercing, as my husband does do piercing. The resident stated that his girlfriend was about to get a piercing of her nipple. It should be known that this resident had just returned from a 3-4 day pass out of the facility, to Nevada, with his live in girlfriend and her minor children.

When questioned about this by the Director of Nurses and Administrator of Burley Care Center, I stated that I had shown a nipple piercing picture, and that I was sorry. No picture in their possession was ever shown to me, or its contents revealed to me. I do feel that most of those accusations came after I questioned the relationship between the Administrator and one of the CNAs, as well, as whether or not the director of the Young Adult Unit was qualified to run that unit. Also, the statements made by me about an RN in employ by the care center concerning improper treatment of patients, has been proven now from what I have been told. As well, as my concerns about CNAs performing treatments on their own, and one of these CNAs was discharged.

Never in my 17 years as a nurse have I neglected, abused or misused the trust of one of the patients in my care, and never have I had such accusations waged against me.

I am requesting a hearing to clear my name.

Thank You,

Cara Stark
2439 Miller Avenue
Burley, ID 83318
208-677-9075
This is the picture.
Randy Jensen, MD
University of Utah Hospital
50 N Medical Drive
Salt Lake City, UT  84113

Dear Dr. Jensen:

Enclosed please find the Consent for Release of Information form for medical records from your agency for Cara Stark. Please mail his records to the Board of Nursing office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

VICKY GOETTSCH, MBA, RN
Executive Director

VG: the enclosure

The Mission of the Board of Nursing is to regulate nursing practice and education for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare.
Office Visit Note

University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Salt Lake City, UT

MRN: 03938529
Name: STARK, CARA LORaine
DOB: 06/07/1964 (38 y)
Service: Neurosurgery /GI-C
ESg Status:
Provider: Jensen, Randy L.

Document Date: 12/31/2002

Progress Note

Ms. Stark is status post resection of a parasagittal meningioma on 6-20-00. The patient was scheduled to see me on 7-03-01, but did not show up at that time. The last time I saw her was on 7-25-01. The patient had an uncomplicated operative and postoperative course, and really has been doing well. She continues to have some headaches but is being treated by her local physician for that. She comes today for routine follow up after having her MRI scan.

Physical Examination

Vital Signs: Weight 118.2 kg, height 177 cm, blood pressure 125/74, pulse 90, respirations 14, and temperature 37.6?. The incision is well healed. The patient is alert and oriented times three. Cranial nerves II through XII are intact. Motor strength is 5/5 throughout both upper and lower extremities without a pronator drift. Sensory examination is intact to pinprick, light touch, and proprioception throughout. Deep tendon reflexes are +1/4 and symmetrical at the biceps, triceps, brachial radialis, and knees and ankles bilaterally. Toes are downgoing bilaterally. There is no clonus found.

Radiographic Studies

An MRI of the brain done today shows no evidence of residual or recurrent meningioma.

Assessment and Plan

This is an excellent outcome status post resection of a convexity meningioma. There appears to be no evidence of recurrent or residual disease. The patient is going to follow up with me in two years, at which time an MRI with and without contrast will be performed.

Randy L. Jensen, M.D., Ph.D.

cc: Hospital Chart