GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION



IN THE MATTER OF:

CHRISTOPHER OBIOGBOLU, RN, CNP

Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUMMARY ACTION TO SUSPEND LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION

To: Christopher Obiogbolu, RN, CNP

In accordance with the provisions of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, D.C. Code § 2–509; the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, D.C. Code § 3–1205.15(a); and 17 DCMR § 4118, the District of Columbia Department of Health (D.C. Health) gives you notice of the summary suspension of your registered nurse (RN) license, RN1016225, and certified nurse practitioner (CNP) certification, NP1016225, under D.C. Code § 3–1205.15(a).

Your license and certification are summarily suspended effective immediately upon receipt of this notice. If you wish to appeal this summary suspension of your license and certification, you must file a request for a hearing within 72 hours after service of this notice. Should you request a hearing, one will be held within 72 hours of a timely request, and a decision will be rendered within 72 hours after the close of the hearing. The request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel, D.C. Health. The request may be submitted by email to Panravee.Vongjaroenrat@dc.gov or by mail to 899 North Capital Street, N.E., 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002. Ms. Vongjaroenrat can be reached at (202) 478-5746.

The District of Columbia (the District) is represented by the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. A copy of your hearing request and any pleading or other written communication addressed to D.C. Health must also be delivered to Alycia Hogenmiller, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Civil Enforcement Section, 400 Sixth Street, N.W., Suite 10100, Washington, D.C. 20001. You can reach AAG Hogenmiller at (202) 256-9692 or by email at Alycia.Hogenmiller@dc.gov.

You may appear personally at the hearing, and you may be represented by legal counsel. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence, to cross-examine witnesses against you, to examine evidence produced, and to have subpoen issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence. All hearings are conducted in the English language. If you or any witnesses to be called are deaf, have a hearing impediment, or cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English language, an application may be made to the Administrative Law Judge for the appointment of a qualified interpreter.

A request for a hearing will not stay the suspension of your license or certification.

The summary suspension is based on the charge as set forth below.

<u>Charge</u>: The State of Maryland suspended your RNA license and CNP certification, for which D.C. Health can summarily suspend your license and certification under D.C. Code § 3–1205.15(a)(1)(A).

You received your RN license in the District on April 27, 2009 and your CNP certification on June 24, 2015. Both your license and certification expire on June 30, 2024.

On December 8, 2023, the Maryland State Board of Nursing (Maryland Board) summarily suspended your RN license (R181376) and CNP certification in Case No. 23-BP-104. It did so because you were convicted for assault second degree and sex offense fourth degree in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, Maryland on January 25, 2023. To date, Maryland has not reinstated your license or certification to practice within that jurisdiction.

According to the Statement of Charges, the minor female victim¹ reported to the Prince George's County Child Advocacy Center that between October 27, 2010, and October 26, 2013, you sexually molested her while she was in your care and custody. At the time of the incidents, she was between 6 and 8 years old, and you were between 46 and 49 years old. On January 25, 2023, you entered an Alford guilty plea and the court found you guilty of assault second degree and sex offense fourth degree.

Please note under 1 DCMR § 2818.1, your failure to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, either in person or through counsel, or both, will not preclude D.C. Health's proceeding in this matter.

8/2024

ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S. Serior Deputy Director Department of Health Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

¹ The Maryland Board did not disclose proper names to maintain confidentiality.