

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF NURSING**



IN THE MATTER OF:

GEORGE TANYI, RN

Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUMMARY ACTION TO SUSPENSION LICENSE

To: George Tanyi, RN
6212 7th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

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(b); and 17 DCMR § 4102.2, the District of Columbia Board of Nursing (the Board) gives you notice of the summary suspension of your Registered Nurse License No. RN61695, under D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a).

Your license is **summarily suspended** effective **immediately** upon the receipt of this notice. If you wish to appeal this summary suspension of your license, 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, Department of Health, Health Licensing Regulation Administration. The request may be submitted by email to Panravee.Vongjaroenrat@dc.gov or by mail to 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Sixth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002. Ms. Panravee can be reached at (202) 478-5746.

The District of Columbia 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 the Board must also be delivered to Assistant Attorneys General Antoine Williams or Janika Jordan at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Civil Enforcement Section, 400 Sixth Street, N.W., Suite 10100, Washington, D.C. 20001. Mr. Williams can be reached at (202) 256-2810 or by email at Antoine.Williams1@dc.gov. Ms. Jordan can be reached at (202) 631-9418 or by email at Janika.Jordan@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 subpoenas issued on your behalf 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 Board for the appointment of a qualified interpreter.

The basis of the contemplated action is certain information received by the agency which, if proven to be true, justifies taking the proposed action under D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a).

The charge upon which the summary suspension is based is set forth below.

Charge I: Your conduct presents an imminent danger to the health and safety of the public, in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a)(1)(d), for which the Board can take summary action to suspend your license under D.C. Code § 3-1205.15.

On August 3, 2021, Shirley Allen, MSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, submitted a referral to the Board alleging you committed an intentional vehicular assault in the parking lot of the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) unit on May 24, 2021. The investigation conducted by the Board included review of the CPEP patient medical records for patient GA, who was involved in the accident; your personnel records; a written statement submitted by Josephus Idowu, RN; a written statement from Security Officer Ayodeji Abioye; review of parking lot surveillance video in front of CPEP; review of a 911 police call recording; and your personal interview.

The investigation revealed that at approximately 5:20 a.m., you parked your Range Rover in an emergency vehicle parking space in front of CPEP. Also, at approximately 5:20 a.m., CPEP patient GA, ambulating with a rollator, positioned himself behind your vehicle with his back to your truck less than a foot away from the rear bumper. You waited until approximately 5:23 a.m. and then placed your vehicle in reverse and backed into the rollator, causing the rollator to roll backward and spin GA around. You backed into GA twice with your vehicle. As he rolled backwards, GA hit your vehicle with his cane and you stopped your vehicle. At approximately 5:26 a.m., a security guard and a registered nurse, each exited the building of CPEP and approached the scene. As the situation was being discussed, GA rose to his feet and struck you on the head with his cane. Both parties were separated by CPEP personnel. Metropolitan Police Department Officers arrived on the scene, and GA was later evacuated from the parking lot by ambulance.

Following the incident, you were interviewed on September 22, 2021, at 1:03 p.m. You stated that GA approached your car requesting you roll down your window, and you directed him to the CPEP door entrance for assistance. Then you proceeded to park your car closer to the building in the emergency space, at which point, GA blocked your car with his rollator. You asserted GA sat on your bumper and played with your rear windshield wipers, which was captured on your vehicle's rear camera. Further, you stated that prior to backing your vehicle into the individual you exited the vehicle and requested him to stop sitting on the rear bumper. The CPEP surveillance video contradicts your statements, as you never left the truck to de-escalate the situation prior to striking GA and his rollator with your vehicle. Additionally, during your 911 call, you alleged GA wielded a gun, but the surveillance video shows he only had his cane and rollator.

A request for a hearing will not stay this summary suspension. Please note that under 17 DCMR § 4103.2, your failure to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, either in person or through counsel, or both, will not preclude the Board's proceeding in this matter.

12/10/2021

DATE

Sharon Williams Lewis

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