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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISSUES THIRTEEN
EMERGENCY SUSPENSION ORDERS**

- Action taken against licenses of thirteen practitioners -

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) today announced the Emergency Suspension Orders of thirteen Florida practitioners immediately suspending the practitioners' licenses to practice in Florida.

"Practitioners must appropriately follow the rules and regulations and provide professional healthcare services to Florida's citizens and visitors," stated Florida Surgeon General Dr. Frank Farmer. "If they choose not to comply, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken, such as suspending licenses."

Over the past two weeks the following orders were issued:

- **Caleen K. Clemons, Licensed Practical Nurse**, Lillian, Alabama. Clemons violated Florida Statutes by engaging in unprofessional conduct by testing positive for any drugs under Chapter 893 on her drug screen when she did not have a prescription and legitimate medical reason for using such drug.
- **Dawn Theresa Mungary a/k/a Dawn Zeledon, Registered Nurse**, Miami. Mungary violated Florida Statutes by entering a plea of guilty to one second degree felony count of possession of cocaine.
- **Frederica Belle Hill, Licensed Practical Nurse**, Cottdale. Hill violated Florida Statutes by entering a plea of guilty to one felony count of organized scheme to defraud less than \$50,000.
- **Jency Maxine Gay, Licensed Practical Nurse**, Starke. Gay violated Florida Statutes by entering a plea of guilty to one third degree felony count of possession of a controlled substance.
- **LaShonda Nicole Jackson, Certified Nursing Assistant**, Deland. Jackson violated Florida Statutes by entering a plea of nolo contendere to one third degree felony count of fraudulent use of personal identification.
- **Leann M. Hebert, Licensed Practical Nurse**, Cape Coral. Hebert violated Florida Statutes by entering a plea of guilty to one third degree felony count of forgery to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.
- **Lyndal Clark, Registered Nurse**, Indianapolis, Indiana. Clark violated Florida Statutes by engaging in unprofessional conduct by testing positive for any drugs under Chapter 893 on her drug screen when she did not have a prescription and legitimate medical reason for using such drug.
- **Marsha Diana Mayes, Licensed Practical Nurse**, Orange Park. Mayes violated Florida Statutes by entering a plea of guilty to one felony count of obtaining or attempting to

obtain a controlled substance by fraud and one felony count of trafficking in Morphine, Opium, Oxycodone, Heroin, Hydrocodone or their derivatives.

- **Melissa Macey Heemsath, Registered Nurse**, Atlantic Beach. Heemsath violated Florida Statutes by entering a plea of guilty to one third degree felony count of possession of a controlled substance.
- **Michael J. Aruta, Medical Doctor**, Boca Raton. Aruta violated Florida Statutes by committing medical malpractice by failing to practice medicine in accordance with the level of care, skill and treatment recognized in general law related to health care licensure through prescribing excessive or inappropriate quantities and doses of controlled substances to patients and prescribing those doses without justification and/or without performing an adequate evaluation of the patients. Additionally, Aruta was recently issued a criminal indictment by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida alleging Aruta conspired to unlawfully distribute controlled substances, engage in money laundering and commit mail and wire fraud.
- **Shameka Chenell Tukes, Licensed Practical Nurse**, Jacksonville. Tukes violated Florida Statutes by entering a plea of guilty to two second degree felony counts of sale or delivery of cocaine and two third degree felony counts of sale of cannabis.
- **Shamrul Neshaw Ali, Certified Nursing Assistant**, Wesley Chapel. Ali violated Florida Statutes by engaging in unprofessional conduct by stealing from a patient.
- **Thereca F. Brotherton, Registered Nurse**, Freeville, New York. Brotherton violated Florida Statutes by engaging in unprofessional conduct by testing positive for any drugs under Chapter 893 on her drug screen when she did not have a prescription and legitimate medical reason for using such drug.

View the complete Orders listed above on DOH's Online Newsroom at <http://newsroom.doh.state.fl.us/category/healthcare-licensing/>.

Emergency suspension or restriction orders are not considered final agency action but are imposed as specified by section 456.074, Florida Statutes, for serious violations relating to the commission of crimes, standard of care, drug use, or for student loan defaults. The subject is entitled to a hearing before final action is taken by a regulatory board or by DOH.

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