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King County nurse suspended for at least a year for assault; mental illness

Sabelita Hawkins must show she can practice safely before she can get her credential back

OLYMPIA — The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the Department of Health agreed to suspend the credential of registered nurse Sabelita Hawkins (RN00173626) for at least one year. Before Hawkins can apply to get her license back, she must show she can practice safely by completing a psychological assessment and complying with other conditions set by the commission.

In July 2012, Hawkins' credential was immediately suspended for criminal convictions of fourth-degree assault, felony harassment, and malicious mischief. Hawkins assaulted a co-worker while on-duty and later stabbed her mother several times with an eight-inch knife. Hawkins reported she'd experienced other psychotic episodes in the past.

This suspension agreement ends the legal process that started with the July 2012 suspension.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety in Washington by regulating nursing practice. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline.

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