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Spokane Co. nurse suspended on charges of homicide and attempted suicide

OLYMPIA -- A Spokane County registered nurse's license was immediately suspended by the state Nursing Commission after criminal charges were filed against her in the suicide death of her 23-year-old daughter.

The criminal charges of controlled substance homicide and promoting a suicide attempt against Carol J. Lambert (RN 60363635) followed a Spokane County Sheriff's Department investigation into the suicide death of Lambert's daughter and Lambert's own suicide attempt. The investigation found that Lambert diverted a large quantity of controlled substances and other prescription drugs over an unknown period of time. Lambert accumulated the diverted medications and then provided those drugs to her daughter for the specific purpose of suicide; she also consumed the drugs in her own suicide attempt. Lambert and her daughter did not have prescriptions for most of the drugs.

Lambert has 20 days to respond to the charges and suspension. She cannot work as a registered nurse until the charges are resolved. The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can also be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

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

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