

BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of)	
)	Docket No.: 25-HA00030
Dana S. Gifford, P.T.A.)	
Kansas License No. 14-01066)	

EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION

NOW ON this 17th day of March 2025, the duly appointed Presiding Officer herein finds that on March 14, 2025, Disciplinary Panel #38 of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (Board) filed a Petition and Motion for *Ex Parte* Emergency Order of Suspension requesting, in part, an emergency suspension of the physical therapy assistant license of Dana S. Gifford, P.T.A. (Gifford). Upon due consideration of the entire agency record, including all filings and exhibits, the Presiding Officer finds, concludes, and orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2912, K.S.A. 65-2838(c), and K.S.A. 77-536, there is reasonable cause to believe:
 - a. grounds exist for disciplinary action; and
 - b. the immediate continuation in practice by Dana Gifford P.T.A, (Gifford) would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety necessitating the issuance of this order.

2. Grounds exist for disciplinary action, and Gifford’s continuation to practice constitutes an imminent danger to the public health and safety to include the following:
 - a. On December 10, 2007, the Board imposed sanctions on Gifford for a felony conviction and suspended her license **CONFIDENTIAL**

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k. Gifford disclosed that she would be starting a new job as a P.T. Therapist Assistant on February 24, 2025.

3. There is reasonable cause to believe that Gifford's continuation in practice would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety.

4. The presiding officer further finds that, in addition to the facts and law referenced above, the Board's duty of providing public protection, constitute reasonable grounds to justify the emergency suspension under the circumstances of this case.

5. Sufficient grounds exist to suspend Gifford under K.S.A. 65-2912(a)^{CONFIDENTIAL}.

6. Further, the factual statements and conclusions of law identified in the March 14, 2025, Petition and numbered one through 16 are made findings in this order and incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREFORE, Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2912, K.S.A. 65-2838(c), and K.S.A. 77-536, Gifford's license to practice as a physical therapy assistant is immediately and temporarily suspended pending further proceedings and/or further Order of the Board.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the physical therapy assistant's license of Dana S. Gifford is hereby immediately **SUSPENDED** as described in this order pending further proceedings and/or further Order of the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of March 2025.

FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

/s/ Derenda J. Mitchell, #11690, General Counsel
to the KSHBA and for
Jerry R. DeGrado, D.C.
Presiding Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Emergency Order of Suspension** was served this 17TH day of March 2025, by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and via email addressed to:

Dana S. Gifford, P.T.A.

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and a copy was hand-delivered to the office of:

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.


Staff Signature

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