

College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia

Consent Reprimand

JENSEN, Jan

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On June 26, 2022, the Investigation Committee of the College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia (CPNS) ordered, pursuant to section 67(6)(a)(i) of the *Paramedics Regulations*, and with the consent of Ms. Jensen, that she receive a reprimand for breaching patient confidentiality.

It was alleged that in the course of her employment duties, Ms. Jensen was advised of the circumstances of a serious health incident to which EHS paramedics responded. That day, she disclosed the outcome of the incident to an individual who had a close personal relationship with the patient. Ms. Jensen believed that this disclosure was reasonable under the circumstances and was also necessary to ensure the well-being of third parties. She acknowledged disclosing specific limited details regarding the patient's status. The Committee determined that while Ms. Jensen's actions were not malicious, the disclosure was neither necessary nor appropriate under the circumstances. Therefore, based on the available information, the Committee was satisfied that she breached the *Standards* and the *Code of Ethics* related to, *inter alia*, privacy and confidentiality.

The Committee determined that under these circumstances, Ms. Jensen's breach of the *Code of Ethics* and *Standards of Practice* was unprofessional, and that pursuant to s. 67(4)(g) of the *Regulations*, there is sufficient evidence that, if proven, would constitute professional misconduct. The Committee therefore determined that a reprimand was the appropriate outcome in this situation.

On August 23, 2022, Ms. Jensen consented to the reprimand.