

## Nova Scotia Regulator of Paramedicine

### Consent Reprimands

WILLIAMS, ROBERT

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Former NSRoP Registration Number: 11885

On May 30, 2024, 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 Mr. Williams, that he receive reprimands for: misappropriating property, providing inappropriate assessment and intervention, and engaging in unauthorized practice.

Mr. Williams reported that an individual with whom he had a personal relationship was refusing appropriate medical care despite experiencing serious and potentially urgent symptoms. Mr. Williams took supplies from his employer without authorization and used them to provide intervention while off duty (including attempting to insert an IV and administering medication). He acknowledged that at the relevant time, he had neither the required professional liability insurance nor the necessary medical oversight. The Committee noted that Mr. Williams' actions constituted a significant lapse in judgment which created a substantial risk for the patient by potentially delaying appropriate assessment and treatment.

Based on the available information, the Committee was satisfied that Mr. Williams breached the *Code of Ethics* and the *Standards of Practice* related to, *inter alia*: acting in a manner that ensures the patient's safety; exhibiting conduct that meets the requirements of the medical, legal and professional boundaries of the profession; establishing and continuously developing critical and clinical judgment; and, seeking suitable assistance in the provision of care.

The Committee determined that under these circumstances, Mr. Williams' 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 and/or conduct unbecoming. The Committee therefore determined that reprimands were an appropriate outcome in this situation.

On September 3, 2024, Mr. Williams consented to the reprimands.