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# Charles Cullen: Tracing the Path of a Nurse Killer

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The participant will be able to state the flaws in the healthcare system that allowed Charles Cullen RN to continue an unimpeded path of murder.

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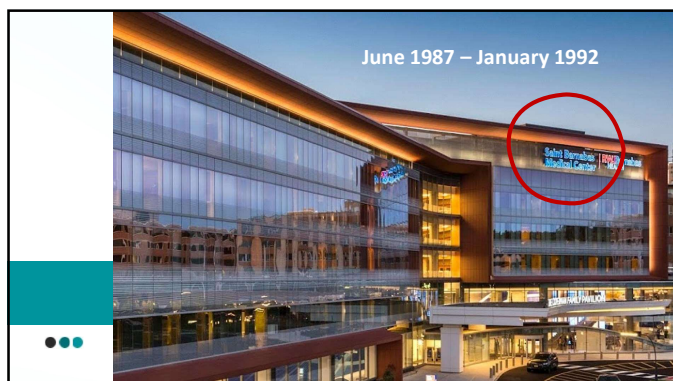
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Married a week after graduation

- Drinking
- Depression
- Marriage cracking
- Poisoned neighbor's dog
- Fathered 2 children



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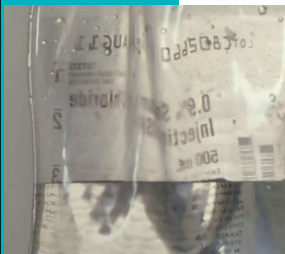
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February 11, 1991

Tainted IV bags

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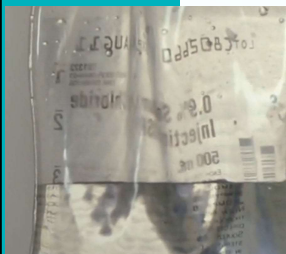
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Suspicions but could not catch him in act

Stopped getting shifts

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1992-1994



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**November 1992**

Served with divorce papers at work



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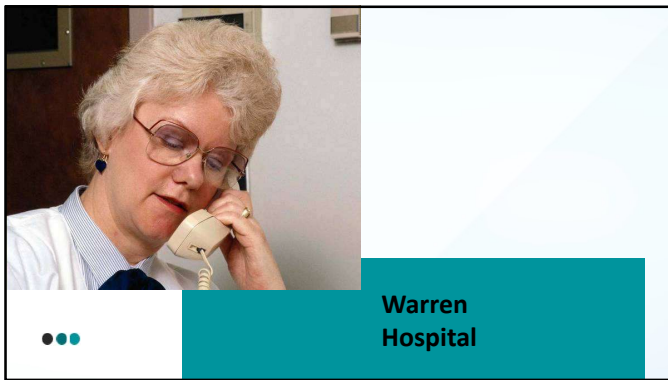
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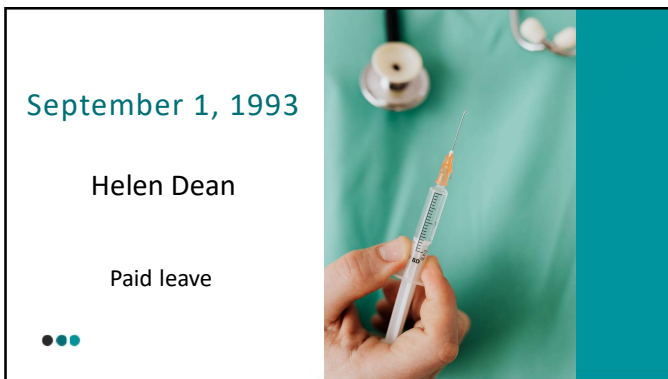
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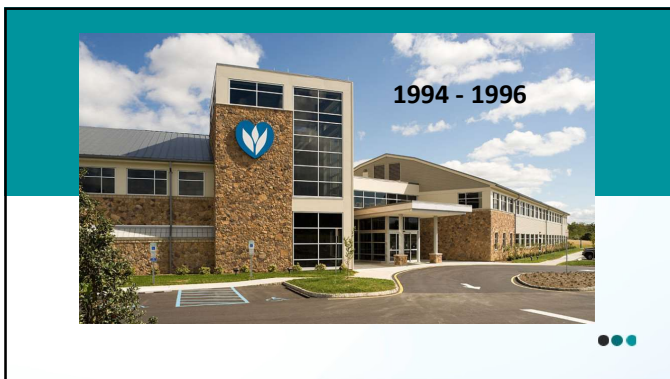
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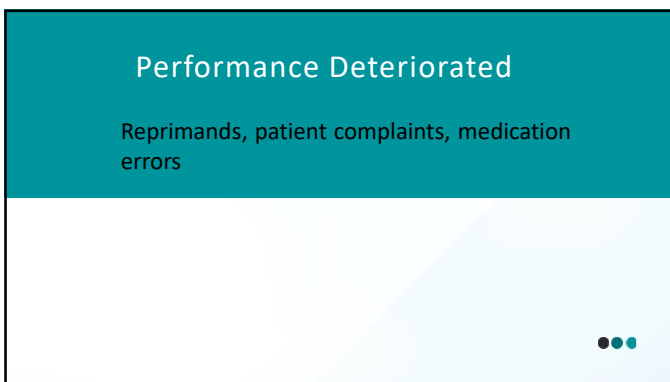
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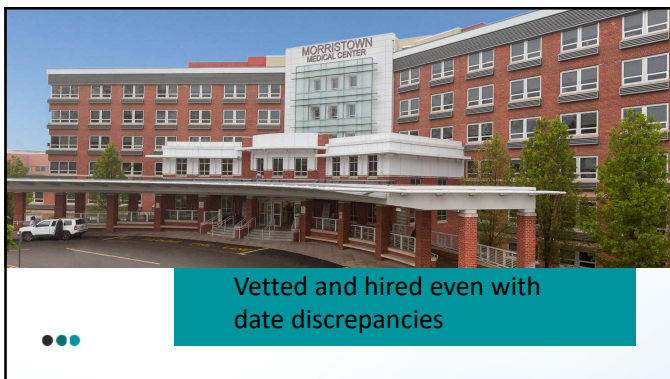
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Greystone Lunatic Asylum 1996



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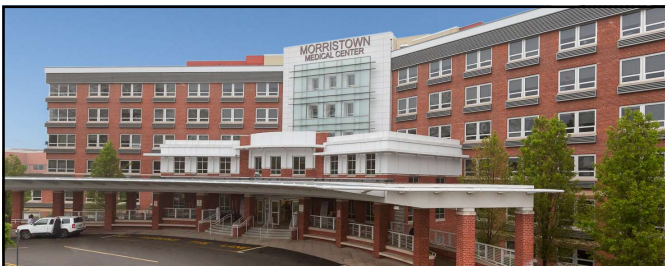
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1997 Fired within a year due to poor performance, grave errors, patient complaints, incompetence



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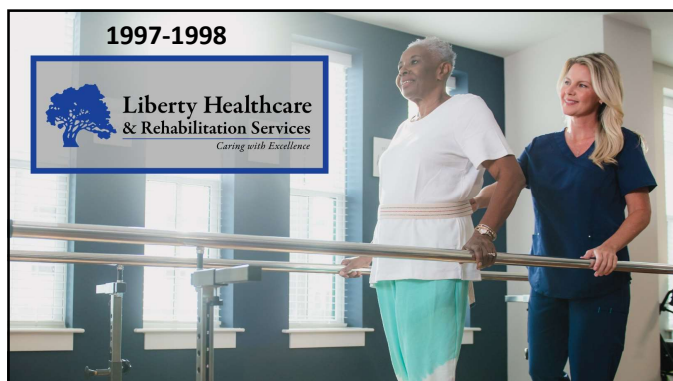
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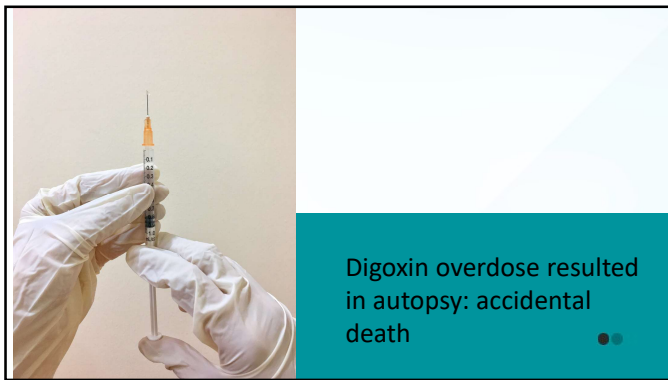
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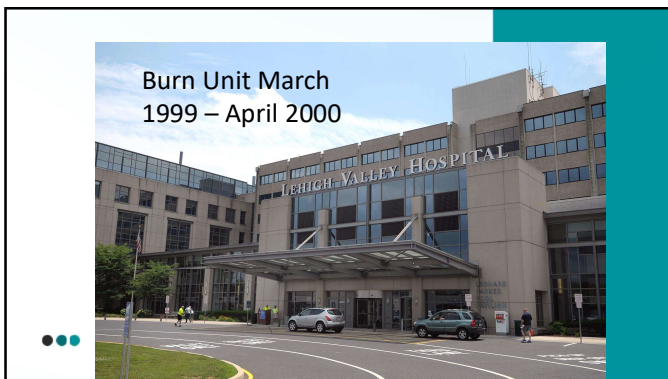
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Conflict with staff

Relieved stress by killing patients



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St. Luke's in Bethlehem, PA

April 2000 to June 2002



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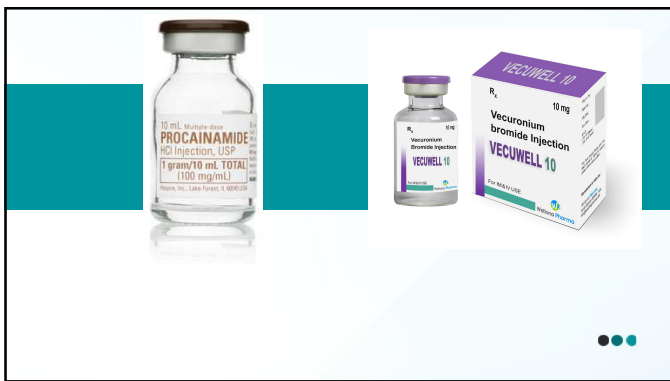
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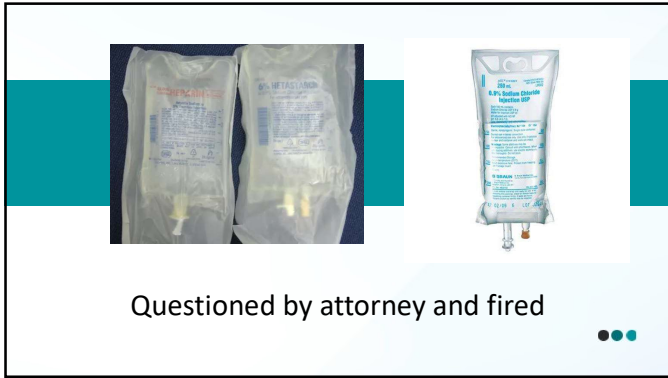
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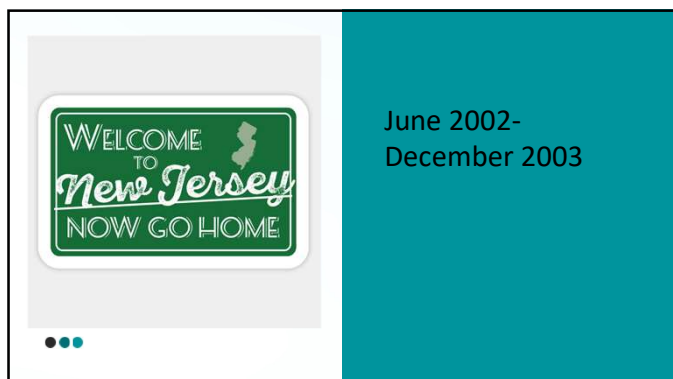
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WELCOME TO New Jersey NOW GO HOME

June 2002-  
December 2003

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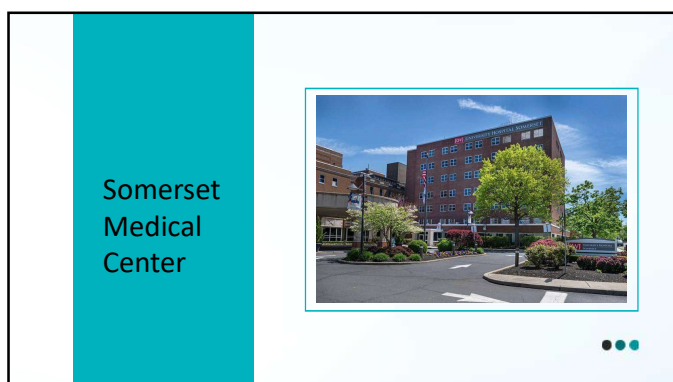
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Somerset Medical Center

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July 7, 2003

Digoxin Injection, USP  
500 mcg/2 mL  
0.5 mg/2 mL (250 mcg/mL)  
FOR INTRAVENOUS USE ONLY  
DILUTION IS NOT REQUIRED  
30 (1.0) mg/mL

Phone call to  
Poison Control

July 14, 2003

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October 3, 2003  
Major Crimes  
involvement



Amy Loughren

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Intercepted medication deliveries  
Removed drugs from Pyxis without detection  
Left a trail when checked patient charts

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Somerset  
Medical  
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October 31, 2003 Fired

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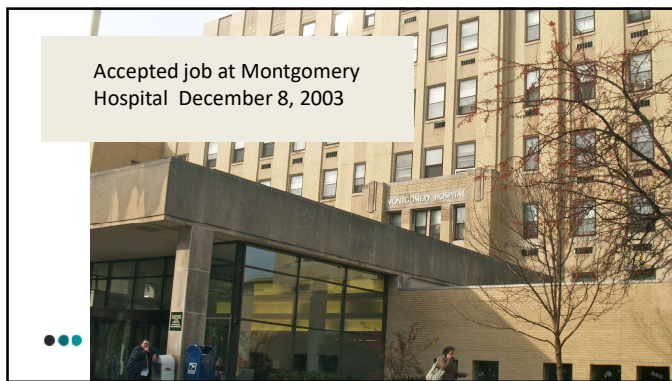
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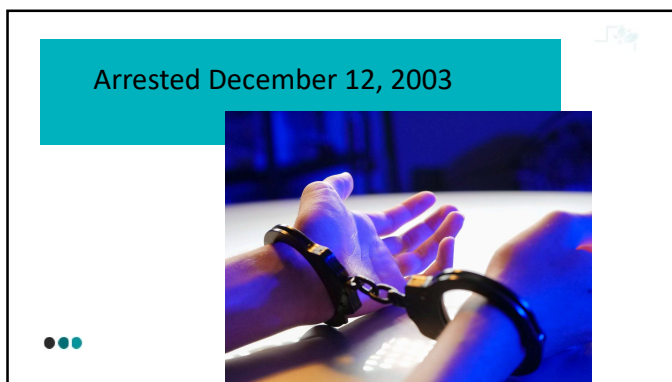
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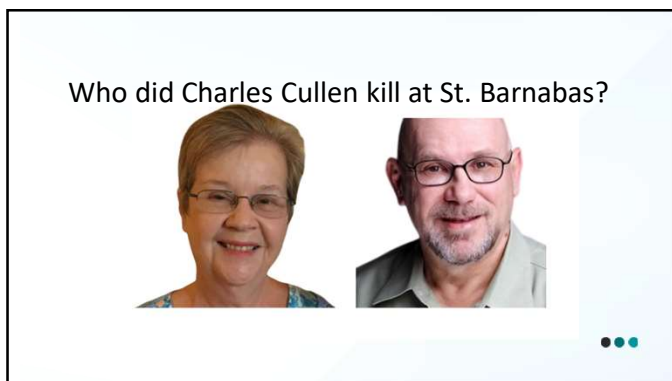
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Challenges

- Old and missing records
- No correlation to patient assignment
- Critically Ill patients
- Observed behavior



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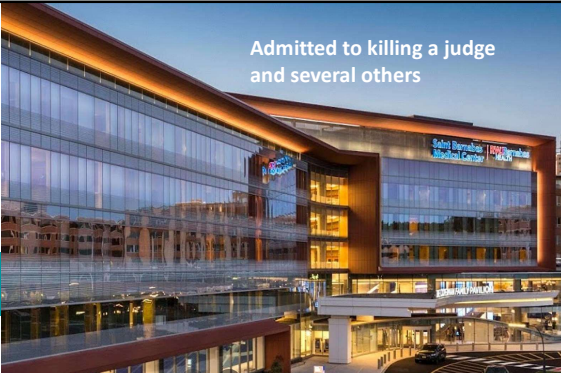
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Admitted to killing a judge and several others



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17 life sentences



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## Could it happen today?



Dr. Raynoldo Ortiz

- Lengthy disciplinary record
- Domestic violence arrests
- Shot neighbor's dog
- Disciplined by Texas Medical Board
- Financed for not notifying employees of past disciplinary action



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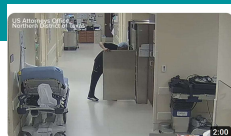
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## Could it happen today?



North Texas doctor accused of tampering with IV bags ordered to remain in detention  
13K views · 5 months ago  
WFAA  
An investigator at a Monday hearing called Dr. Raynoldo Ortiz "a medical terrorist."  
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1 person died, 11 had cardiac emergencies – caused by Bupivacaine



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## Could it happen today?



Lucy Letby RN

- Insulin, overfeeding, assault, air embolism



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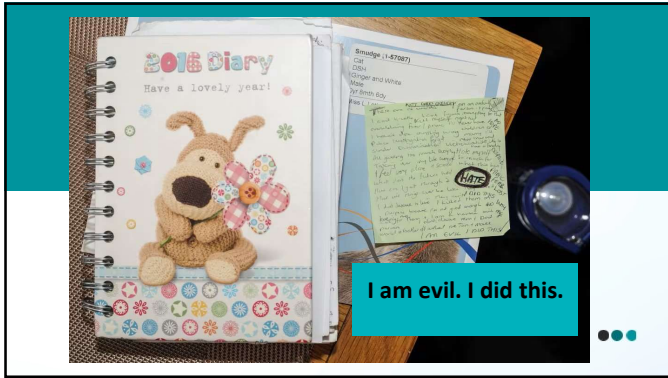
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### Could it happen today?

Lucy Letby RN

British jury deliberated 22 days

**Guilty** - killing 7 infants, 7 counts of attempted murder for 6 infants

No verdict on 6 counts of attempted murder of 4 infants

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### The Aftermath: Somerset Medical Center and the U.S.

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