

John Hansen making a difference behind the scenes at MRHC

MANNING - John Hansen's career path is one rooted in family influence and a willingness to embrace a challenge. Despite a background in factory work, John decided to follow in his father's footsteps and give the maintenance field a try. His decision turned out to be a rewarding one, and he found a true passion for the work at Manning Regional Healthcare Center (MRHC).

"I never saw myself working in a hospital, but I figured I would give it a try and am really glad I did," John shared.

Starting as a maintenance tech in February of 2020, John would quickly grow into a leadership role just a year later, becoming the department supervisor in April of 2021. With the work he does and the impact he makes at MRHC, it is no question that non-clinical roles play a vital role in ensuring smooth functioning of healthcare facilities. While a job in maintenance might not be at the forefront of patient care, John emphasizes the importance of his role in keeping everyone comfortable during their stay at MRHC. From ensuring the functionality of facilities to addressing maintenance issues promptly, John's work contributes significantly to the overall patient experience.

"MRHC is so fortunate to have John. He is knowledgeable in so many different areas, digs into whatever needs fixing, and tries to figure things out on his own," said Chief Human Resources Officer, Shelli Lorenzen. "John quickly fell into a management role and absolutely owned it. We couldn't ask for a more dedicated employee. He knows what needs to be done and he does it, even if that means spending the entire weekend at MRHC to move snow so the ambulances can always get to the ER."

In addition to making a positive impact on patients and helping his coworkers whenever possible, John appreciates the flexibility and support that he has at the hospital. Trust also plays a crucial role in fostering a positive work experience, and John attests that the administrative staff at MRHC trusts him implicitly. Something that is key to a productive and positive workplace.

"MRHC is very family oriented, and I know that when a family issue arises, I can go without question," he shared. "Dan's food is just an added bonus to working here."

John's journey at MRHC exemplifies the potential for growth and fulfillment in non-clinical roles within the healthcare industry. From his family-inspired career choice to the impact he makes on patient well-being, John's story is a testament to the diverse and essential roles that contribute to the success of a healthcare institution like MRHC.

John lives in Audubon with Hilaree and his children include Chloe, 11, Natalie, 6, Lillian, 4 and Nolan 2. John also owns 3N1 Detailing and Polishing in Audubon.



John Hansen of the MRHC maintenance department.

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Former MercyOne Nurse Sentenced for Conspiracy to Acquire Controlled Substances, Possession of Child Pornography

Douglas Kelley, 67, from Sioux City, and former MercyOne nurse was sentenced on January 18, 2024, to over 10 years in prison for Possession of Child Pornography and Conspiracy to Acquire Controlled Substances by Fraud.

Kenneth Hurd, 32, from Harrisburg, South Dakota, was sentenced on January 3, 2024, to two years' probation for Conspiracy to Acquire Controlled Substances by Fraud.

Brian Gene Raff, 44, from Orchard, Nebraska pled guilty in federal court on November 29, 2023, to Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance. Raff remains free on bond pending sentencing.

Evidence at Hurd's and Kelley's sentencing hearing's established that Kelley knowingly conspired with co-defendants to obtain and acquire fentanyl by means of misrepresentation, fraud, deception, and subterfuge. The trio used Kelley's position as a nurse at MercyOne Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, to obtain fentanyl and other controlled substances for personal use and to illegally distribute to others. Raff further admitted that he conspired with his co-defendants to distribute his minor child's prescription ADHD medication, Vyvanse (amphetamine), a Schedule II Controlled Substance.

During the investigation, law enforcement executed a search warrant on Kelley's cell phone and recovered six videos and 20 images of child pornography. These videos and images included material that depicted prepubescent minors or minors who had not attained 12 years of age. The materials also portrayed sadistic and masochistic conduct, as well as toddlers and bestiality. Kelley had previously been convicted of offenses relating to the possession of child pornography in Buena Vista County, Iowa in 1993.

"By using his position as a nurse, Kelley violated the public's trust while stealing controlled substances for himself and others. He also possessed child pornography, allowing for the heartbreaking victimization of children and their sexual exploitation. The sentencing of Kelley in this matter sends a strong and powerful message that those who violate the law will be held accountable," said Curt L. Muller, Acting Special Agent in Charge for the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "We will continue working with our State, Federal, and Tribal law enforcement partners as we investigate and seek justice against those who would victimize our programs and their beneficiaries."

Kelley was sentenced in Sioux City by United States District Court Chief Judge Leonard T. Strand to 126 months' imprisonment. He must pay \$1,200 in fines and assessments and serve a 5-year term of supervised release upon release from custody. There is no parole in the federal system.

Hurd was sentenced in Sioux City by United States District Court Chief Judge Leonard T. Strand to two years' probation. He was also ordered to obtain mental health and substance abuse evaluations and comply with any recommended treatment.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse.

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