

ETHICAL PRACTICE

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THE GOOD, BAD, AND CRIMINAL



If you haven't heard of the RaDonda Vaught case, well, you should be aware of her story. This legal case gained national attention for the criminal prosecution (*initial charge, reckless homicide*) of a nurse involved in a fatal medication error.

THE MEDICATION ERROR

In December 2017, Vaught, a nurse at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, accidentally administered vecuronium (a paralytic) instead of Versed (a sedative) to a patient, Charlene Murphey. Murphey ultimately died as a result