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Va. University Fires Nurse Who Solicited Injecting ICE Agents With Paralytic Drug; Doc Says It's "Attempted Murder"

The nurse at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) who advocated injecting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents with a drug that paralyzes breathing is in the unemployment line.

[VCU Health fired](#) Malinda Cook after it learned of a TikTok video in which she advocated that health professionals inject the agents. She also advocated squirting water tainted with poison oak or ivy in their faces.

As well, she instructed women to meet agents online, go out for a date, and contaminate their drinks.

VCU Health cashiered the nurse after the video, courtesy Libs of TikTok, went viral.



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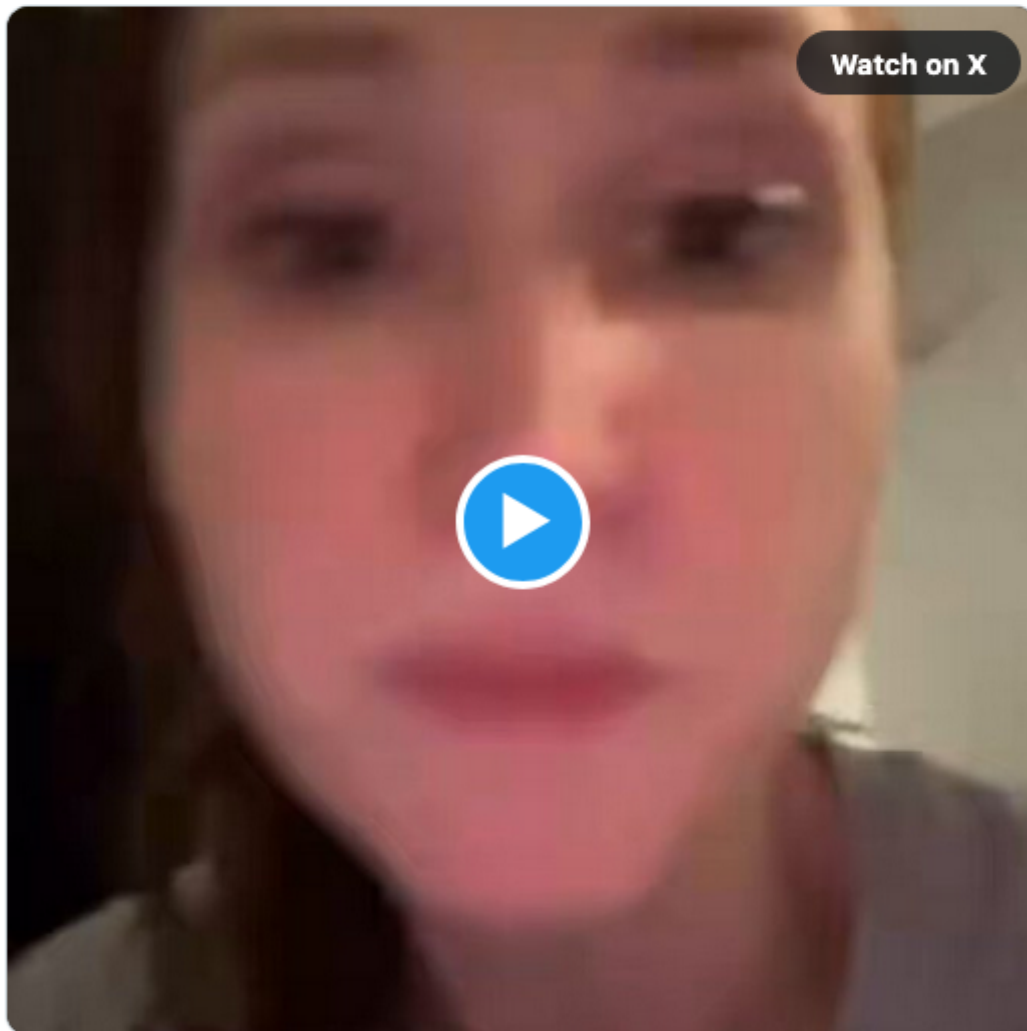


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Meet Melinda, a healthcare worker at [@VCUHealth](#). She posted a series of videos encouraging people to inject ICE agents with succinylcholine, a temporary paralysis drug, and spray poison on them. She also encourages woman to go on dates with agents and drug their food.

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The Video

Cook delivered her message in a 2 minute-41 second video recorded at different times and places.

"I thought of something good ... sabotage tactic, or at least a scare tactic," she began:

All the medical providers, grab some syringes with needles on the end, have them full of saline, or succinylcholine, you know, whatever, whatever. That will probably be a deterrent. Be safe.

But Cook didn't stop there. Then came more suggestions on disabling agents:

OK, for today's resistance tip, I vote, anybody got any poison ivy, poison oak in their yard? Get some of that up with gloves ... get it in some water, like a gallon of water, and get the poison ivy/oak water and I'm going to put it into a water gun. Aim for faces, hands.

But even that wasn't enough. Cook attempted to enlist "single ladies" to seduce ICE agents on dating apps, get an invite for a date, then poison them.

"Single ladies where these ICE guys are going, have a chance to do something, you know, not without risk, but could help the cause for sure," she said:

Get on Tinder, get on Hinge, find these guys. They're around. If they're an ICE agent, bring some Ex-Lax and put it in their drinks. Get them sick. You know, nobody's going to die. Just enough to incapacitate them and get them off the street for the next day. Highly, easily deniable. You know, you could get sick.... Won't eat there again.

"Let's get 'em where they eat.... Where's the hotel where they eat?" she continued:

Who makes their breakfast? Let's find 'em.... Let's make their lives f***ing miserable.

Encouraging Attempted Murder

Physician Kelly Victory [warned on X](#) that Cook had solicited "attempted murder."

"To be clear: Injecting someone with succinylcholine — a 'temporary paralysis drug', would be attempted murder," she wrote:

This is a paralytic drug that prevents an individual from breathing. Unless artificial respiration is provided, that individual will die. This woman — a healthcare worker — is encouraging people to attempt murder.

The [drug paralyzes](#) respiratory muscles and stops breathing to ease intubation during surgery when a patient goes on a respirator. It can have dangerous side effects, particularly with other drugs, the [Mayo Clinic says](#). Thus, injecting the drug without supervision or knowledge about how it works could kill a person.

No wonder VCU Health fired the nurse. [The university posted](#) its first notice about the video, which said



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that officials had notified police, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. VCU Health then placed Cook on administrative leave. At 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, they [announced](#) that Cook had been fired, and that it had “fulfilled its reporting requirements under Virginia state law.”

Threatening to harm someone on social media [is a Class 6 felony in Virginia](#). Cook might also have trespassed the [statute that punishes](#) harassment by computer, a misdemeanor.

And she might also have committed a federal crime. As [The New American reported yesterday](#) about the 18-year-old arrested for threatening to murder an FBI agent and his family, 18 U.S. Code 875 [criminalizes threats](#) through interstate communications.

Commentator Robby Starbuck opined that firing Cook isn’t enough.

“Her patient outcomes and dating history must be investigated,” [Starbuck wrote](#):

She certainly sounds like she’s done much of this before. Succinylcholine can kill people. Suggesting it as a weapon should result in criminal charges too. Demonic stuff.

[Reports on X](#) showed that Cook is a registered nurse anesthetist, which explains her familiarity with a drug used to stop breathing during intubation.

Her nursing career might be over, as any hospital who hires her faces a major liability risk.

Here’s her license number.

Time to report Malinda Cook to the Board of Nursing in Virginia so she can never practice again! pic.twitter.com/st6kWJheRG

— Nua (@nua_peasant) [January 27, 2026](#)



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