

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
TRENEDA ALLEN, PHARM TECH * STATE BOARD
Registration No.: T05558 * OF
Respondent * PHARMACY
* Case No. PT-15-002

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Gov't. (SG) Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to **TRENEDA ALLEN**, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 12-101 *et seq.*, (2009 Repl. Vol.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on June 3, 2009. The Respondent's registration expires on January 31, 2015.
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a National chain pharmacy in Baltimore, Maryland, hereinafter "Pharmacy A."
3. On or about July 25, 2014, the Board received a copy of a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) "Report of Loss/Theft" form from Pharmacy A which indicated that the theft/loss was due to employee pilferage. However, the name of the employee was not disclosed. Pharmacy A's Loss/Theft report indicated as follows:

A. \$410.64 was the amount of the loss;

B. The stolen medications were as follows:

- (1) Xanax¹, 2 mg, 88 tablets;
- (2) Lortab², 10/500 mg, 33 tablets;
- (3) Luminal³, 60 mg, 801 tablets;
- (4) Luminal, 16.2 mg, 40 tablets.

4. Subsequently, the Board was informed that the Respondent admitted, orally and in writing, to taking the drugs included in the following statement: "2 pills Sunday and 4 in the past from the pharmacy. Took them without payment and a few pills of Xanax without payment in the pharmacy. Never took Ambien⁴...Totally (*sic*) of hydrocodone without payment was #60..of Xanax without payment was 50-60 tabs. The count was not accurate and that was why I did it without payment. Steal the drugs."

5. As a result of the above, the Respondent was terminated from her employment with Pharmacy A.

6. The Respondent was criminally charged in the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore County with the following:

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| Count 1 | Theft, less \$1000 value |
| Count 2 | Theft-Scheme less \$1000. |

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare

¹ Xanax (Alprazolam) treats anxiety and panic disorder.

² Lortab (Hydrocodone-APAP ((Acetaminophen)) is as narcotic pain reliever for moderate to severe pain. In this combination, there are 10 mg of Hydrocodone and 500 mg of APAP.

³ Luminal (Phenobarbital) is an antiepileptic drug.

⁴ Ambien (Zolpidem) treats insomnia.

imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 29th day of October, 2014, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T05558, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of said request, at which the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Summary Suspension should be continued, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a Pharm Tech and the danger to the public; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board her wall certificate and wallet-sized registration to practice as a Pharm Tech issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED, that this document constitutes a final Order of the Board and is, therefore, a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol.).



LaVerne G. Naesea, Executive Director
Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE OF HEARING

A Show Cause hearing to determine whether the Summary Suspension shall be continued will be held before the Board at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, 21215 following a written request by the Respondent for same.