

IN THE MATTER OF

*** BEFORE THE MARYLAND**

ROSE MARIE BREEN

*** STATE BOARD OF**

Respondent

*** PHARMACY**

Registration No. T31003

*** Case No. 25-190**

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FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION
OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION

The Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) notified **ROSE MARIE BREEN** (the “Respondent”), Registration Number **T31003**, of the Board’s intent to revoke her registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.).

The Notice also informed the Respondent that, unless she requested a hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of said Notice, the Board would sign the Final Order, which was enclosed. More than thirty (30) days have elapsed, and the Respondent failed to timely request a hearing. Therefore, this revocation is final.

The Board bases its action on the Respondent’s violation of the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. § 12-6B-09. Grounds for reprimand or denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of registration.

Subject to the hearing provision of § 12-315 of this title, the Board may deny a pharmacy technician's registration to any applicant, reprimand a registered pharmacy technician, place any pharmacy technician's registration on probation, or suspend or revoke a

pharmacy technician's registration if the applicant or pharmacy technician registrant:

...

- (3) Fraudulently uses a pharmacy technician's registration;

...

- (22) Pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, regardless of whether: (i) An adjudication of guilt or sentencing or imposition of sentence is withheld; or (ii) Any appeal or other proceeding is pending regarding the matter;

...

- (27) Participates in any activity that is grounds for Board action under § 12-313 or § 12-409 of this title[.]

With respect to Health Occ. § 12-6B-09(27), the underlying grounds for Board action under § 12-313 include:

Health Occ. § 12-313. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds.

...

- (b) Subject to the hearing provision of § 12-315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any applicant for a pharmacist's license, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license of a pharmacist if the applicant or licensee:

...

- (25) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board[.]

...

With respect to Health Occ. § 12-313(b)(25), the pertinent provisions of the regulations adopted by the Board are as follows:

**COMAR 10.34.10.01. Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician
Code of Conduct – Patient Safety and Welfare.**

A. A pharmacist shall:

- (1) Abide by all federal and State laws relating to the practice of pharmacy and the dispensing, distribution, storage, and labeling of drugs and devices, including but not limited to:

(a) United States Code, Title 21,

...

(c) Health Occupations Article, Title 12, Annotated Code of Maryland, [and]

(d) Criminal Law Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland[.]

...

B. A pharmacist may not:

...

- (3) Engage in unprofessional conduct.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds the following facts:

1. At all relevant times, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under registration number T31003. The

Respondent's pharmacy technician registration was initially issued on or about November 14, 2024. The Respondent's registration is currently suspended.¹

2. At all relevant times, the Respondent was employed by a national pharmacy chain (the "Pharmacy")² as a pharmacy technician at two of the Pharmacy's stores in Easton, Maryland ("Store 1" and "Store 2").

3. In a fax dated December 11, 2024, the Pharmacy notified the Board that the Respondent was caught stealing controlled substances from one of the Pharmacy's stores in Easton, Maryland, and admitted to stealing controlled substances from the Pharmacy's other store in Easton, Maryland. The Pharmacy stated that, at the conclusion of the Pharmacy's internal investigation, it would notify the Board and submit a Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA") Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances Form ("DEA Form 106") if a loss is confirmed.

4. Upon receipt of the Pharmacy's notification, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent under Case Number 25-190. As part of its investigation, the Board obtained and reviewed, *inter alia*, documents from the Pharmacy's internal

¹ On June 12, 2025, the Board issued an Order summarily suspending the Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.34.01.12, having concluded that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively required emergency action in the case.

² For confidentiality and privacy purposes, the names of individuals and facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document. The Respondent may obtain the names of all individuals referenced in this document by contacting the administrative prosecutor.

investigation including the Respondent's written admission and the DEA Form 106 completed by the Pharmacy.

Pharmacy Internal Investigation

5. On December 3, 2024, a Pharmacy District Asset Protection Leader notified a Pharmacy Division Diversion Manager that a pharmacy technician at Store 1 witnessed the Respondent consuming Alprazolam tablets and placing additional tablets in her lab coat pocket, and that surveillance camera footage from December 2, 2024 showed the Respondent removing pills from her lab coat pocket and consuming several pills in the back of Store 1.

6. On December 10, 2024, the Pharmacy Division Diversion Manager interviewed the Respondent in the presence of a Pharmacy District Leader. The interview was memorialized in a two-page written statement which the Respondent signed and affirmed as true. In this statement, the Respondent admitted that she stole Ambien (Zolpidem), Soma (Carisoprodol), Xanax (Alprazolam), Diazepam, and Lunesta (Eszopiclone) from Store 2. The Respondent stated that she began stealing from the Pharmacy about two months prior to the interview, and that she stole the medications by taking them from pill bottles. The Respondent claimed that she stole 34 pills from Store 2.

7. At the conclusion of the interview, the Pharmacy placed the Respondent on immediate suspension and called the Easton Police Department, who issued the Respondent a misdemeanor citation.

8. On January 24, 2025, the Pharmacy completed a DEA Form 106 reporting the loss of controlled substances with a purchase value of \$4,910 due to employee theft. The Pharmacy reported that it terminated the Respondent's employment after conducting an internal investigation in which the Respondent admitted to stealing Ambien (Zolpidem), Soma (Carisoprodol), Xanax (Alprazolam), Diazepam, Lunesta (Eszopiclone), and Clonazepam, and other evidence indicated that the Respondent was responsible for additional medication loss beyond what she admitted to. The Pharmacy listed the following controlled substances as lost / stolen:

	Substance	NDC No.	Dosage	Quantity
1	ALPRAZOLAM	00781107905	1mg tablet	231
2	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	13668000805	10mg tablet	363
3	CARISOPRODOL	50742065601	350mg tablet	7
4	AMBIEN / ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	00024542131	10mg tablet	66
5	CLONAZEPAM	00093321205	1mg tablet	38
6	CLONAZEPAM	43547040710	1mg tablet	30
7	DIAZEPAM	00172392570	2mg tablet	349
8	CARISOPRODOL	16571078101	350mg tablet	114
9	CARISOPRODOL	50228010901	350mg tablet	15
10	ESZOPICLONE	65862096901	3mg tablet	93
11	CLONAZEPAM	72888015305	1mg tablet	2

Criminal Case

9. Based on the conduct described above, the Respondent was criminally charged in case number D-035-CR-24-060156 in the District Court of Maryland for Talbot County on or about December 10, 2024. On January 28, 2025, the Respondent pled guilty

to one count of misdemeanor theft and was sentenced to 180 days' incarceration, all suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

10. Based on the above information, the Board finds that the Respondent diverted multiple controlled substances while employed as a pharmacy technician at the Pharmacy and subsequently pleaded guilty to a crime involving moral turpitude.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-6B-09 (3), (22) and (27), and Health Occ. § 12-313(b)(25), and COMAR 10.34.10.01(A)(1) and (B)(3).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 17th day of December 2025, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that the registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland held by the Respondent, **ROSE MARIE BREEN**, Registration Number T31003, is **REVOKED**; and it is further

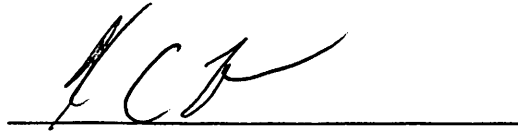
ORDERED that the Respondent shall return to the Board all Maryland pharmacy technician registrations within ten (10) days of the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of this Order is the date that it is signed by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Order of the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy and as such is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b).

12-17-2025

Date



Kristopher Rusinko, PharmD
President, Maryland State Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-316, the Respondent has the right to seek judicial review of this Order. Any petition for judicial review shall be filed within thirty (30) days of service of this Order and shall be made as provided for in the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.*, and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules.

If the Respondent files a petition for judicial review, the Board is a party and shall be served with the court's process at the following address:

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