

IN THE MATTER OF
WONESE BRIDGEOFORTH

Respondent

Registration Number: T28174

BEFORE THE
MARYLAND STATE
BOARD OF PHARMACY

Case Number: 26-083

FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION
OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION

On or about June 17, 2026, the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) notified **WONESE ASHANTI BRIDGEOFORTH** (the “Respondent”), Registration Number **T28174**, 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 Occupations §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2025 Supp.).

In the Notice of Intent to Revoke, the Board also notified the Respondent of her opportunity for a hearing in this matter, and informed the Respondent that, unless she submitted a written request for a hearing within thirty (30) days of service of the Notice, the Board would sign the this Final Order, a copy of which was enclosed with the Notice. More than thirty (30) days have elapsed since service of the Notice, and the Respondent has not requested a hearing. Therefore, this Order of Revocation is final.

The Board’s action is based 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;

....

- (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

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under registration number T28174. The Respondent's pharmacy technician registration was initially issued on or about March 7, 2023. The Respondent's registration is currently suspended.¹

2. At all times relevant, the Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a national pharmacy chain (the "Pharmacy")² location in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

¹ On January 12, 2026, 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.

3. In October 2025, the Pharmacy notified the Board that the Respondent had stolen a significant amount of a controlled substance from the Upper Marlboro location, and the Pharmacy sent the Board a copy of the Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances Form (“DEA Form 106”) for the theft, dated October 2, 2025.

4. In the DEA Form 106, the Pharmacy reported a total loss of 120 oxycodone-acetaminophen³ tablets from the Upper Marlboro location due to employee theft. The Pharmacy reported that the Respondent admitted to drug diversion and that her employment was pending termination. The Pharmacy listed the following controlled substances as lost / stolen:

	Substance	NDC No.	Dosage and Form	Quantity
1	OXYCODONE-ACETAMINOPHEN	42858010401	10mg-325mg tablet	120

5. As part of the Board’s investigation, the Board obtained, *inter alia*, documents from the Pharmacy’s internal investigation and video footage from the Pharmacy’s CCTV system.

Pharmacy Internal Investigation

6. On or about September 12, 2025, a pharmacy manager at the Upper Marlboro location contacted a Pharmacy District Asset Protection Leader (“DAPL”) and reported a missing prescription. More specifically, the manager informed the DAPL that, earlier that afternoon, a patient she was familiar with as a regular customer came in to pick up their

³ Oxycodone-acetaminophen is a Schedule II opioid pain medication.

medication based on a prescription for 120 oxycodone-acetaminophen 10mg-325mg tablets, but records showed that the prescription had been filled and picked up earlier in the day, at approximately 1:08 p.m. The manager and the DAPL then reviewed security footage, which showed the Respondent ringing up the sale and handing the medication to someone other than the patient at approximately 1:08 p.m. The DAPL also reviewed security footage of the parking lot, which revealed that that Respondent left the store at approximately 1:33 p.m. and got in the car of the unknown male who had picked up the medication.

7. On September 19, 2025, the DAPL interviewed the Respondent in the presence of another member of the Pharmacy's district asset protection team. During the interview, the Respondent admitted that she gave the prescription oxycodone-acetaminophen tablets to a friend who was supposed to give her money after the pills were sold.

8. Based on the above information, the Board finds that, on or about September 12, 2025, the Respondent diverted controlled substances from the pharmacy she was employed by.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-6B-09 (3) (fraudulently uses a pharmacy technician's registration) and (27) (participates in any activity that is grounds for Board action under

Health Occ. § 12-313(b); *to wit*: Health Occ. § 12-313(b)(25) (violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board; *to wit*: COMAR 10.34.10.01 (A)(1) and (B)(3))).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland held by the Respondent, **WONNESE BRIDGEFORTH**, Registration Number T28174, 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).

8/19/26
Date



Akash Patel, Pharm.D.
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:

Maryland State Board of Pharmacy
Deena Speights-Napata, MA, Executive Director
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215