

IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE**
KISA BRIDGES, PHARM TECH * **STATE BOARD**
Registration No.: T11311 * **OF**
Respondent * **PHARMCY**
* **Case No. PT-15-024**

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Gov't (SG) Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. II), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to **KISA BRIDGES**, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. (H.O.) Code Ann. §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. II.). 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 as a Pharmacy Technician. The Respondent was first registered on August 14, 2012. The Respondent's registration expires on February 29, 2016.
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent worked as a Pharmacy Technician for a National chain pharmacy located in Waldorf, Charles County, Maryland, hereinafter "Pharmacy A".
3. On or about May 19, 2014, during a loss prevention review of ordering and dispensing history for Pharmacy A, it was discovered that several controlled substances

were missing; consequently, Pharmacy A began an investigation revealing the following::

- A. The Respondent admitted stealing drugs from Pharmacy A and selling them on the street since May 2013;
- B. The Respondent stated that she would put the drugs in a basket, as though she were going to fill a prescription, then put them in her purse when she was leaving Pharmacy A, and no one checked her bags;
- C. The Respondent stated that she stole Promethazine VC Codeine Syrup¹;
- D. The Respondent also acknowledged that she stole Alprazolam²/Xanax³ in the same manner for street sales;
- E. As a result of the admissions, Pharmacy A had the Respondent sign a promissory note for \$6,098.97, the loss the Respondent caused Pharmacy A by stealing the drugs. The Respondent was also terminated from her employment with Pharmacy A.

4. On or about July 31, 2014, Pharmacy A filed a DEA report of "Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances" as required, listing the following losses due to employee pilferage (by the Respondent):

Promethazine VC Codeine Syrup	5mg-10mg 6.25 mg/5ml 4257 ml;
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¹ Promethazine VC Codeine's generic name is codeine, phenylephrine, and promethazine. Codeine is a narcotic, a pain reliever and a cough suppressant. Promethazine is an antihistamine. It blocks the effects of the naturally occurring chemical histamine in the body. Phenylephrine is a decongestant that shrinks blood vessels in the nasal passages. Dilated blood vessels can cause nasal congestion (stuffy nose). Codeine, phenylephrine, and promethazine is a combination medicine used to treat cold or allergy symptoms such as stuffy nose, sneezing, and cough.

² Alprazolam treats anxiety and panic disorder.

³ Xanax is a trade name for alprazolam.

Alprazolam 2 mg	1500 tablets;
Promethazine-Codeine Syrup,	10 mg. 625 mg/5 ml 27,907 ml.

5. On April 9, 2015, in the Circuit Court for Charles County, the Respondent pled guilty to and was found guilty of "Conspire—theft, \$100 to under \$10, 0000." The Respondent was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment of which nine years, 10 months and 20 days were suspended. The unsuspended sentence of one month and ten days became effective on May 29, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. to be served on consecutive weekends from Friday at 8:00 p.m. to Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Thereafter, the Respondent was placed on unsupervised probation for two years.

6. An individual who steals drugs from her pharmacy employer for street sales is a danger to the public health, safety and welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare Imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. II).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 6th day of August, 2015, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by SG. §10-226 (c) (2), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland, Registration No. T11311, 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 Pharmacy Technician 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 Pharmacy Technician 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. Code Ann. General Provisions §§4-101 *et seq.* (2014 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.