IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
TIFFANY S. CARTER Pharmacy Technician	*	STATE BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHARMACY
	*	Case Number: 22-305
Registration Number: T25569	*	

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the registration of Tiffany S. Carter (the "Respondent"), Registration Number T25569, to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland. The Board takes such action pursuant to the Board's authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.) and Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 10.34.01.12F, concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS¹

1. The Respondent was originally registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on August 19, 2021, under registration number T25569. The Respondent's registration is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023.

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the allegations. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this matter.

- 2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a pharmacy (the "Pharmacy")² located in Baltimore City, Maryland.
- 3. On or about May 6, 2022, the Board received an incident report from the Pharmacy notifying the Board of employee theft of controlled dangerous substances ("CDS").
- 4. The Report states that on January 10, 2022, the Respondent was interviewed by Pharmacy staff and admitted verbally and in writing to stealing CDS from the Pharmacy.
- 5. The Report lists the CDS that were stolen as Alprazolam 1mg, quantity 600 with a value of \$696.
- 6. In response to a Board subpoena, the Pharmacy forwarded a copy of the Respondent's employee file and a copy of the Pharmacy investigative file.
- 7. The documents received from the Pharmacy included a two-page statement dated January 10, 2022, and signed by the Respondent. In her written statement, the Respondent admitted that she took Alprazolam pills from the Pharmacy to give to a family member during a 10-month period. The Pharmacy also provided surveillance video of the Respondent that showed the Respondent removing and hiding pills.
- 8. Based on the above information, the Board has reason to believe that the Respondent diverted multiple prescription-only CDS medications.

² In order to maintain confidentiality, names of individuals and facilities involved in this matter will not be used in this document but will be provided to the Respondent on request.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to State Gov't. § 10-226 (c)(2)(i) and COMAR 10.34.01.12F.

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2), the Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician, Registration Number T25569, in the State of Maryland be and is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately return all registrations and licenses to the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent has the opportunity to appear before the Board for a post-deprivation show cause hearing. A request for a post-deprivation show cause hearing must be in writing and be made WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS of receipt of this order; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent does not submit a timely written request to the Board for a post-deprivation show cause hearing, or if the Respondent requests a post-deprivation show cause hearing but fails to appear when scheduled, the investigative findings contained in this Order shall stand and the Respondent's pharmacy technician

registration will remain **SUSPENDED** absent any further action by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 – 4-601 (2019 Repl. Vol. and 2021 Supp.).

9-13-22 Date

Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.

Executive Director

Maryland Board of Pharmacy