

**IN THE MATTER OF** \* **BEFORE THE**  
**MYKIARA CHEW** \* **STATE BOARD**  
**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN** \* **OF PHARMACY**  
**Respondent** \* **Case No. 22-179**  
**Registration No. T25493** \*

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**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. §10-226 (c) (2) (2021 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland issued to **MYKIARA CHEW, PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, Registration No. T25493** (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol.).

The underlying action under St. Gov't. is § 10 -226 (c):

- (2) A unit may order summarily the suspension of a license if the unit:
  - (i) finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action [;].

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

Based on information received by, and made known to the Board, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by, and made known to and available to the Board, including the instances described below, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Board's investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of

## BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland. The Respondent's registration was first issued on August 3, 2021. The Respondent's registration expires on September 30, 2022.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a pharmacy in Odenton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereinafter, the Pharmacy.<sup>2</sup>

3. On or about January 30, 2022, the Lead Coordinator and the Pharmacy Drug Loss Team Coordinator notified the Board that the Respondent was terminated for drug diversion from the Pharmacy and had admitted to stealing a quantity of 310 tablets of oxycodone<sup>3</sup> and 90 Suboxone 8/2 films<sup>4</sup>.

4. Specifically, on December 2, 2021, the Pharmacy Manager noticed that a script for Oxycodone HCL 15 mg was missing when the customer came to pick it up. He contacted the District Asset Protection Leader about the script who reviewed video footage and observed the Respondent pulling scripts from a waiting bin on that date.

5. The Respondent was also viewed pulling scripts for Oxycodone HCL 15 mg which had gone missing in August and October.

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the basis of the suspension. 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.

<sup>2</sup> Names of individuals and facilities are confidential but may be disclosed to the Respondent by contacting the Administrative Prosecutor.

<sup>3</sup> Oxycodone is a narcotic which treats moderate to severe pain.

<sup>4</sup> Suboxone film contains two medicines: buprenorphine and naloxone and is used to treat opioid dependence/addiction.

6. On December 16, 2021, the District Asset Protection Leader interviewed the Respondent who admitted taking three scripts of oxycodone 15 mg from the waiting bin and three boxes of Suboxone 8/2 mg films. The Respondent claimed that she took the medication for her sister and was able to take them from the pharmacy area when she took the trash out. The Respondent acknowledged that taking the drugs was wrong and agreed to reimburse the Pharmacy for its loss. The Respondent signed a statement to that effect, as well as a promissory note.

7. The Anne Arundel County Police were contacted, and the Respondent was arrested and charged in the District Court for Anne Arundel County with the following criminal offenses:

Theft Scheme: \$1000 to \$25,000, Felony, Offense from 6/14-12/2/21

CDS Possess, not Marijuana, Misdemeanor, Offense from 12/16/21<sup>5</sup>

Theft Less than \$100, Misdemeanor, Offense date 12/16/21

Theft \$100 to under \$1500, Misdemeanor, Offenses from 12/16/21

8. The Pharmacy filed a "Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances (Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] Form 106 as required on January 26, 2022, indicating that the theft was caused by "suspected employee theft" and amounted to \$2532 worth of controlled substances taken. It listed the following drugs stolen/lost:

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<sup>5</sup> Following the arrest, the police searched the Respondent's vehicle and found some alprazolam pills, Suboxone boxes and blank vaccination cards therein, on 12/16/21. Alprazolam treats anxiety and panic disorder.

Oxycodone HCL 15 MG Tablets	146 tablets
Suboxone 8mg-2mg SL Film	120
Oxycodone HCL 15 MG Tablets	90
Buprenorphine-Naloxone 8-2 mg Film	80
Buprenorphine-Naloxone 8-2 mg Film	45
Oxycodone HCL ER 10 MG Tablet	1

9. On December 16, 2021, the Respondent signed a Promissory Note to reimburse the Pharmacy \$4,682.90 for its loss.

10. As set forth above, a Pharmacy Technician who steals drugs from her employer is a threat to the public health, welfare or safety.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., St. Gov't. §10-226 (c) (2) (2021 Repl. Vol.).

**ORDER**

It is, by a majority of the quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, 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 in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent has the opportunity to appear before the Board for a post-deprivation show cause hearing for a determination of whether the Summary Suspension should be continued. A request for a post-deprivation show cause hearing must be


made in writing to the Board and be made **WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS** of the date of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if the Respondent fails to request a post-deprivation show cause hearing in writing in a timely manner, or if the Respondent requests a post-deprivation show cause hearing but fails to appear before the Board when the hearing is scheduled, the Respondent's pharmacy technician registration shall remain **SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that upon presentation of this Order, the Respondent **SHALL SURRENDER** to the Board her original pharmacy technician registration, wallet card, and any other official indicia of registration; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this is an Order of the Board, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol. and 2021 Supp.).

5-16-22  
Date

  
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Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.  
Executive Director  
State Board of Pharmacy