IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

JALYSSA RENEE DIXON \* STATE BOARD OF

Pharmacy Technician \* PHARMACY

Registration Number: T23337 \* Case Number: 24-186(B)

Respondent

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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 Jalyssa Renee Dixon (the "Respondent"), Registration Number T23337, 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. & 2023 Supp.) and Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 10.34.01.12F, concluding that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

## INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS<sup>1</sup>

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally registered

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on January 7, 2020, under registration number T23337. The Respondent's registration is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2024.

- 2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a pharmacy (the "Pharmacy")<sup>2</sup> located in Prince George's County, Maryland.
- 3. On January 23, 2024, the Pharmacy notified the Board that "[d]uring an internal investigation it was determined that [the Respondent] was stealing drugs from the [P]harmacy. She admitted to the theft during an interview with our loss prevention team. She has since been terminated."
- 4. The Pharmacy submitted an Amended DEA Form 106 Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances dated February 15, 2024. The report identified the type of theft or loss as "EMPLOYEE THEFT (OR SUSPECTED)."
- 5. The Board obtain a Pharmacy case report dated February 22, 2024. According to the report, on November 8, 2023, the Pharmacy received information that one of Respondent's co-workers "was stealing as well as paying others to steal controlled substances from the pharmacy." The Pharmacy investigated, and on January 23, 2024, the Pharmacy interviewed the Respondent. During the interview, the Respondent "admitted to consuming approximately 20 Alprazolam pills while working in the pharmacy over the last few months."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

- 6. The Board obtained an email sent from the Pharmacy's Store Manager to the Pharmacy's Asset Protection Manager. According to the email, the Respondent "admitted to stealing and consuming within the Pharmacy, 20 pills of Alprazolam."
- 7. Based on the above information, the Board has reason to believe that the Respondent diverted multiple controlled dangerous substances while employed as a pharmacy technician at the Pharmacy.

## **CONCLUSION 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 in this case, pursuant to State Gov't. § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.34.01.12F.

## **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this day of May 2024, by 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 T23337, 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. & 2023

Supp.).

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Date

Deena Speights Napata M.A.

**Executive Director** 

Maryland Board of Pharmacy

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