

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
CHARLIE DUNKERLY	*	MARYLAND BOARD
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN	*	OF PHARMACY
Respondent	*	Case No. 20-112
Registration No. T20112	*	

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**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. § 10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2019 Supp.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland issued to **CHARLIE DUNKERLY**, (the "Respondent"), **Registration No. T20112**, under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2019 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

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:¹

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of the Board's action. 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.

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on September 20, 2017. The Respondent's registration expires on March 31, 2021.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharmacy Technician at a pharmacy (the "Pharmacy")² in Odenton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

3. On December 24, 2019, the Board received a Statement of (criminal) Charges filed by the Pharmacy's Asset Protection District Manager with the Anne Arundel County Police Department, which caused the Board to begin an investigation, which disclosed the following:

4. On or about September 4, 2019, the Pharmacy Manager discovered that six Oxycodone pills were missing during a recount of a prescription filled on August 21, 2019. On November 8, 2018, a full pharmacy count was completed to show an additional loss of CIII-CV drugs, such as Acetaminophen with codeine,³ alprazolam⁴, tramadol,⁵ and zolpidem.⁶

5. On November 18, 2019, the Respondent admitted orally and in writing that she had taken Tylenol #3 (Acetaminophen with Codeine) and Tramadol but denied taking the other medication. She stated that she took those drugs for "severe pain" and agreed to

² The names of individuals and facilities are confidential but may be disclosed to the Respondent by contacting the Administrative Prosecutor.

³ Codeine is an opioid pain medication, sometimes called a narcotic. Acetaminophen is a less potent pain reliever that increases the effects of codeine. Acetaminophen and codeine are a combination medicine used to relieve moderate to severe pain.

⁴ Alprazolam is used to treat anxiety and panic disorders.

⁵ This medication is used to help relieve moderate to moderately severe pain. Tramadol is similar to opioid analgesics.

⁶ Zolpidem is used for a short time to treat a certain sleep problem in adults.

repay the Pharmacy the \$397.20 that the drugs cost. (She gave the Pharmacy \$5 restitution that date.)

6. As a result of the thefts, the Respondent's employment at the Pharmacy was terminated that date.

7. On January 8, 2020, criminal charges were filed against the Respondent in the District Court for Anne Arundel County in Glen Burnie for the above thefts--Theft \$100 to under \$1500—a misdemeanor.

8. A person who steals drugs from her employer presents a danger to the public health, safety or welfare, requiring emergency action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2019 Supp.).

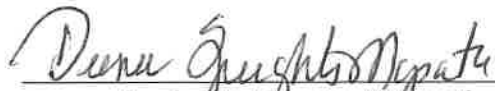
ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 6th day of February, 2020, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-226(c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2019 Supp.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland, Registration No. **T20112** 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; 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 an Order of the Board and is, therefore, a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol. and 2019 Supp.).



Deena Speights-Napata, 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.