

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
SONJA EVANS	*	STATE BOARD OF
Respondent	*	PHARMACY
Registration No. T09115	*	Case No. 25-382
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**FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION
OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION**

The Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) notified SONJA EVANS (the “Respondent”), Registration Number T09115, of the Board’s intent to revoke her registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.).

The Notice also informed the Respondent that, unless she requested a hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of said Notice, the Board would sign the Final Order, which was enclosed. More than thirty (30) days have elapsed, and the Respondent failed to timely request a hearing. Therefore, this revocation is final.

The Board bases its action on the Respondent’s violation of the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. § 12-6B-09. Grounds for reprimand or denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of registration.

Subject to the hearing provision of § 12-315 of this title, the Board may deny a pharmacy technician's registration to any applicant, reprimand a registered pharmacy technician, place any pharmacy technician's registration on probation, or suspend or revoke a

pharmacy technician's registration if the applicant or pharmacy technician registrant:

...

(3) Fraudulently uses a pharmacy technician's registration;

...

(27) Participates in any activity that is grounds for Board action under § 12-313 or § 12-409 of this title[.]

With respect to Health Occ. § 12-6B-09(27), the underlying grounds for Board action under § 12-313 include:

Health Occ. § 12-313. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds.

(b) Subject to the hearing provision of § 12-315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any applicant for a pharmacist's license, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license of a pharmacist if the applicant or licensee:

...

(25) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board[.]

With respect to Health Occ. § 12-313(b)(25), the pertinent provisions of the regulations adopted by the Board are as follows:

COMAR 10.34.10.01. Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Code of Conduct – Patient Safety and Welfare.

A. A pharmacist shall:

(1) Abide by all federal and State laws relating to the practice of pharmacy and the dispensing,

distribution, storage, and labeling of drugs and devices, including but not limited to:

- (a) United States Code, Title 21,
- ...
- (c) Health Occupations Article, Title 12, Annotated Code of Maryland, [and]
- (d) Criminal Law Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland[.]

B. A pharmacist may not:

...

- (3) Engage in unprofessional conduct.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds the following facts:

1. At all relevant times, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under registration number T09115. The Respondent's pharmacy technician registration was initially issued on or about May 9, 2011. The Respondent's registration is currently suspended.¹

¹ On July 1, 2025, the Board issued an Order summarily suspending the Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.34.01.12, having concluded that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively required emergency action in the case.

2. Between May 17, 2021 and April 3, 2025, the Respondent was employed by an independent pharmacy located in Rosedale, Maryland (the “Pharmacy”).²

3. On or about April 4, 2025, the owner of the Pharmacy (the “Pharmacy Owner”) notified the Board that the Respondent stole controlled substances from the Pharmacy and sent the Board a copy of the Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances Form (“DEA Form 106”) that she completed, dated April 4, 2025.

4. In the DEA Form 106, the Pharmacy Owner reported that, on March 18, 2025, the Respondent took 15 tablets of alprazolam³ out of the pill bottle, used the tablets to make a compounded alprazolam suspension, and then put the compounded medication in her coat and left the Pharmacy. The Pharmacy Owner listed the following controlled substances as lost / stolen due to employee theft:

	Substance	NDC No.	Dosage	Quantity Lost / Stolen
1	ALPRAZOLAM	00781107901	1mg tablet	15

5. Upon receipt of the Pharmacy’s notification and DEA Form 106, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent under Case Number 25-382. As part of its investigation, the Board obtained documents and surveillance footage from the Pharmacy.

² For confidentiality and privacy purposes, the names of individuals and facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document. The Respondent may obtain the names of all individuals referenced in this document by contacting the administrative prosecutor.

³ Alprazolam is a Schedule IV benzodiazepine generally prescribed to treat anxiety and panic disorder.

6. In a written statement addressed to the Board dated April 27, 2025, the Pharmacy Owner explained that, on April 1, 2025, a staff member found a lorazepam tablet on the closet floor, which prompted Pharmacy staff to “do an inventory back count” on lorazepam, clonazepam, and alprazolam. The April 2, 2025 inventory check revealed a discrepancy with the 1mg alprazolam tablet count. The Pharmacy Owner reviewed the relevant records, which showed that, on March 18, 2025, the Respondent manually increased the alprazolam NDC in the Pharmacy’s computer system by 625 tablets. When the Pharmacy Owner manually deducted the 625 tablets, she discovered that “the Alprazolam count was fifteen tablets lower than what would have been the correct count.”

7. After learning that the Respondent altered the alprazolam count in the Pharmacy’s computer system on March 18, 2025, Pharmacy staff reviewed the Pharmacy’s internal surveillance system footage for that date. The video footage shows that, on the morning of March 18, 2025, the Respondent removed a bottle of alprazolam from the shelf, used alprazolam tablets to make a compounded liquid suspension, bottled the alprazolam suspension in a small green vial, and labeled the vial as if it was going to be dispensed to a patient. The footage from later that day shows that the Respondent removed the label from the green vial of alprazolam suspension, took the vial into the Pharmacy’s closet, placed it in her coat pocket, and left the Pharmacy with it.

8. During a meeting with the Pharmacy’s Owner and Security Officer on April 3, 2025, which was recorded by the Pharmacy’s surveillance system, the Respondent admitted to taking the alprazolam.

9. Following the Respondent's admission, the Pharmacy terminated the Respondent's employment and reported the theft to the Baltimore County Police Department. The Respondent subsequently admitted to detectives that she stole the alprazolam from the Pharmacy.

10. Based on the above information, the Board finds that, on or about March 18, 2025, the Respondent diverted the aforementioned controlled substances from the Pharmacy she was employed by.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-6B-09 (3) and (27), Health Occ. § 12-313(b)(25), and COMAR 10.34.10.01(A)(1) and (B)(3).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 19th day of November 2025, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby:


ORDERED that the registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland held by the Respondent, **SONJA EVANS**, Registration Number T09115, is **REVOKED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall return to the Board all Maryland pharmacy technician registrations within ten (10) days of the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of this Order is the date that it is signed by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Order of the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy and as such is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b).

11-19-2025
Date



Kristopher Rusinko, PharmD
President, Maryland State Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-316, the Respondent has the right to seek judicial review of this Order. Any petition for judicial review shall be filed within thirty (30) days of service of this Order and shall be made as provided for in the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.*, and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules.

If the Respondent files a petition for judicial review, the Board is a party and shall be served with the court's process at the following address:

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