

IN THE MATTER OF

*** BEFORE THE**

SONJA EVANS

*** MARYLAND STATE**

Respondent

*** BOARD OF PHARMACY**

Registration No. T09115

*** Case No. 25-382**

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

The Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the registration of **SONJA EVANS** (the “Respondent”), Registration Number **T09115**, to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland. The Board takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. (“COMAR”) 10.34.01.12, having concluded that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS¹

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 active through February 28, 2027.

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent’s conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis for 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 this matter.

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.

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 in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.34.01.12.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this 1st day of July 2025, by a majority 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) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.), Respondent Sonja Evans' registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland, registration number T09115, is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately return all registrations 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 made in writing **WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS**; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent does not request a post-deprivation show cause hearing in writing within thirty (30) days, or if the Respondent requests a post-deprivation show cause hearing but fails to appear when scheduled, the Respondent's registration will remain **SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this **ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION** is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

7-1-25
Date


Deena Speights-Napata, Executive Director