

IN THE MATTER OF

**Ashley N. Grimm,
Pharmacy Technician**

Respondent

Registration Number: T06982

*** BEFORE THE MARYLAND**

*** STATE BOARD OF**

*** PHARMACY**

*** Case Number: 22-172**

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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 Ashley N. Grimm (the “Respondent”), Registration Number T06982, 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.) and Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 10.34.01.12F, concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS¹

1. The Respondent was originally registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on February 17, 2010, under registration number T06982. The Respondent’s registration is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2023.

¹ 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.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a pharmacy (the "Pharmacy")² located in Hagerstown, Maryland.

3. On or about January 14, 2022, the Board was notified by a representative of the Pharmacy that the Respondent had been terminated for diverting controlled dangerous substances. On or about January 17, 2022, the Pharmacy forwarded its investigative report ("Report") and a written statement signed by the Respondent dated January 12, 2022.

4. The Report disclosed that on January 4, 2022, the Respondent diverted a customer's prescription for 45 pills of oxycodone 5 mg/325 mg (oxycodone/acetaminophen). The Report described that the Respondent was given the prescription by the pharmacist on January 4, 2022, and walked the prescription and two other prescriptions to the front register but only gave one to the cashier. The Respondent subsequently placed the prescription back in the customer waiting area and later removed the oxycodone prescription from the bag and placed the pills into her pocket.

5. On January 12, 2022, the Respondent was interviewed by the Pharmacy's asset protection manager. During the interview, the Respondent admitted to diverting the oxycodone pills and stated that she took the pills in order to self-medicate a back injury she was suffering with.

6. In her written statement, the Respondent admitted that she took a patient's medication. She specifically stated:

² 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.

On Wednesday January 5th 2022 a customer came in and ask for his wife medication. We was busy in the pharmacy and I took the patient up front for them to be rung up. He stated he only wanted the 1 medication and would see if he needed the other medication. After talking to the patient for a few minutes I walked back to the pharmacy and put the medication in the clear bag and hung the prescription back up. Toward the end of my shift I then went to the pickup area and grab the medication out of the bag and empty the bottle of 45 pills into my pocket and threw the bottle away in the plastic part and deleted the RX on hold. After my shift was over I clocked out and left the store to go home.

7. Based on the above information, the Board has reason to believe that the Respondent diverted oxycodone, a controlled dangerous substance.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to State Gov't. § 10-226 (c)(2)(i) and COMAR 10.34.01.12F

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of 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 T06982, 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

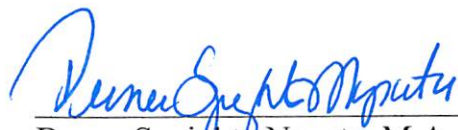
ORDERED that the Respondent has the opportunity to appear before the Board for a post-deprivation show cause hearing. A request for a post-deprivation show cause hearing must be in writing and be made **WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS** of receipt of this order; and it is further

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. and 2021 Supp.).

3-22-22

Date



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