IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE MARYLAND

TASIA INGRAM, Pharm. Tech.

STATE BOARD OF

Respondent

PHARMACY

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Registration No: T12189

Case No: 18-278

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FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION

On March 20, 2019, the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") notified **Tasia Ingram**, Pharmacy Technician ("Pharm Tech"), **Registration Number T12189** (the "Respondent"), of the Board's intent to revoke her registration to practice as a pharmacy technician under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 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 pertinent provisions of the Act upon which the Board takes this action are as follows:

§ 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 . . . , reprimand a registered pharmacy technician, place any registered pharmacy technician on probation, or suspend or revoke a registered pharmacy technician's

registration if the ... pharmacy technician registrant:

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

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

The pertinent provision of the Board's regulations under the Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 10.34.10 provides:

.01 Patient Safety and Welfare

- B. A pharmacist may not:
 - (3) Engage in unprofessional conduct.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds the following facts:

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a registered pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland.
- 2. The Respondent received her pharmacy technician registration on or about November 25, 2015.
- 3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed by a pharmacy chain (the "Pharmacy")¹ with multiple locations throughout Baltimore, Maryland.
- 4. On April 26, 2018, the Board received a complaint alleging the Respondent was

¹ For confidentiality and privacy purposes, the names of individuals and facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document. Upon written request, the Administrative Prosecutor will provide the information to the Respondent.

- diverting narcotics from several of the Pharmacy's locations.
- 5. The Complainant stated that during routine Control Medication inventory, the Pharmacy noticed unusually large discrepancies for various oxycodone strengths in three different locations over the course of the last three months.
- 6. Video footage dating back to December 27, 2017 revealed the Respondent accessing the Control Safe without registering a withdrawal of medication, which is against the Pharmacy's protocol.
- 7. The Respondent is seen in the video taking a 100-count bottle of oxycodone 30 mg tablets.
- 8. The Respondent is then seen counting the medication, placing it in an unlabeled medication viral, putting it in a prescription bag, and throwing it in a trash can, which she is seen retrieving several minutes later.
- 9. The video footage was taken between 7 8 p.m., at the end of the Respondent's shift.
- 10. The Respondent was terminated from her employment at the Pharmacy.
- 11. The Respondent's diversion of a Schedule II narcotic constitutes the fraudulent use of her pharmacy technician registration and unprofessional conduct.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated Health Occ. §§ 12-6B-09 (3), and (25) and COMAR 10.34.10.01B(3).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 19th

day of ______ 2019, by a majority of the quorum of the Board hereby

ORDERED that the Respondent, **Tasia Ingram's**, registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland is hereby **REVOKED**, and the Board will not accept from the Respondent any future applications for licensure, certification, and/or registration; 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 document constitutes a formal disciplinary action of the Board, and is a Final Order and as such is a **PUBLIC RECORD** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol., 2018 Supp.).

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