

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
KATRICE JOE, Pharm Tech * STATE BOARD
Registration No.T04389 * OF
Respondent * PHARMACY
* Case No. PT-12-004/12-203

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2)(2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to Katrice Joe, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-101, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on March 10, 2009. The Respondent's license expires on November 30, 2012.
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech in a pharmacy at a National store in Glen Burnie, Maryland.
3. On June 28, 2011, another Pharm Tech was observed on camera taking a prescription from the Respondent in the parking lot and processing the prescription. Upon checking, it was discovered that the other Pharm Tech had filled that prescription for 15 mg Oxycodone for a purported patient from a hospital in Baltimore City. Upon

further investigation, it was determined that the prescription was forged. The Respondent's boyfriend had had four other forged prescriptions for patients from that same hospital filled since March 9, 2011 by either the Respondent or the other Pharm Tech and were picked up by the Respondent's boyfriend in the Respondent's car.

4. The Respondent later admitted in a written statement that she had participated in the forged prescription scheme.

5. As a result of the above actions, on July 7, 2011, the Respondent was terminated from employment from the pharmacy.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. As set forth above, by passing forged prescriptions, the Respondent is a threat to the public health, welfare or safety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 19th day of October 2011, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted by the Board by Md. St. Govt. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T04389, 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, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a Pharm Tech and the danger to the public; 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 Pharm Tech issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED, that this document constitutes a final Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp).



LaVerne G. Naesea, 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.