IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
Natasha D. Johnson, Pharmacy Technician	*	STATE BOARD OF
•	*	PHARMACY
Respondent	*	Case Number: 22-040
Registration Number: T07059	*	

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the registration of Natasha D. Johnson (the "Respondent"), Registration Number T07059, 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 March 4, 2010, under registration number T07059. The Respondent's registration is scheduled to expire on May 31, 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 Baltimore City, Maryland.
- 3. On or about August 16, 2021, the Board received a DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) 106 Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances (the "Report") from the Pharmacy indicating employee theft of controlled dangerous substances ("CDS").
- 4. The Report listed the CDS that were lost/stolen or discovered lost/stolen on or about June 9, 2021, as:

Trade Name	NDC Number	Dosage Str.	Quality Lost/Stolen
Oxycodone HCL 5 mg Tablet	00406055201	5 mg	569
Oxycodone HCL 15 mg Tablet	00406851501	15 mg	55
Oxycodone HCL 30 mg Tablet	00406853001	30 mg	315
Oxycodone HCL 10 mg Tablet	10702006801	10 mg	215
Clonazepam 0.5 mg Tablet	16729013818	0.5 mg	410
Tramadol HCL 50 mg Tablet	65162052750	50 mg	878
Tramadol HCL 50 mg Tablet	60643013611	50 mg	53

- 5. The Report listed the value of the lost CDS as \$2,595.
- 6. The Pharmacy also forwarded a three-page statement dated July 31, 2021, and signed by the Registrant. In her written statement, the Respondent admitted that she took "a couple of clonazepam pink pills, a couple of tramadol and one oxycodone prescription." The Respondent blamed her actions on being in an abusive relationship.

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.

7. Based on the above information, the Board has reason to believe that the Respondent diverted multiple prescription-only CDS medications.

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.

<u>ORDER</u>

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 T07059, 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.).

12-17-21 Date

Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.

Executive Director

Maryland Board of Pharmacy