

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
MARY KREYSA, PHARM TECH * STATE BOARD
Registration No.: T12108 * OF
Respondent * PHARMACY
* Case No. PT-16-001

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Gov't. (SG) Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. II), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to **MARY KREYSA**, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 12-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol. II). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on February 2, 2013. The Respondent's registration expires on October 31, 2016.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a National chain pharmacy in Montgomery County, Maryland, hereinafter "Pharmacy A."

3. On or about July 8, 2015, the Board received a notice from Pharmacy A of that it had discovered potentially a significant loss of Controlled Substances involving

theft or loss due to employee pilferage which took place on or about July 8, 2015, as follows:

- A. Pharmacy A began an investigation when its Regional Loss Prevention Manager received a report which showed a discrepancy for the drug Carisoprodol¹, 350 mg;
- B. Based on scheduling regarding when the variances took place, it was determined that the Respondent was a person of interest. Both the Pharmacist in Charge and the staff pharmacist at Pharmacy A indicated that the Respondent was going to the bathroom on several occasions throughout the day and worked only short periods of time;
- C. From Saturday June 27, 2015, through July 6, 2015, the Respondent was on vacation. During this time, reconciliation of Carisoprodol was completed and there was no variance;
- D. On the morning of July 7, 2015, the staff pharmacist at Pharmacy A completed reconciliation and counted 468 units of Carisoprodol;
- E. On July 7, 2015, the staff pharmacist dispensed 120 units of the drug for a legitimate prescription prior to the Respondent's arrival on the July 7, 2015;
- F. The Respondent worked from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM on July 7, 2015. The staff pharmacist texted the Regional Loss Prevention Manager that there was a negative variance of 58 pills, which caused the Regional Loss Prevention Manager to respond to Pharmacy A on July 8, 2015.
- G. Once at Pharmacy A, the Regional Loss Prevention Manager reviewed the video for the prior day's business. From 11:33 AM through 11:34 AM, the

¹ Carisoprodol treats pain and stiffness of muscle spasms. This medicine is a muscle relaxant.

video revealed that the Respondent selected a bottle from the shelf where the drug was located. The Respondent then took the bottle and crouched down with her back towards the camera, peered over her right shoulder, and then made a movement as though she were placing something in her pocket. Based upon the above information, the decision was made to interview the Respondent on July 8, 2015;

- H. Accordingly, the interview took place wherein the Respondent admitted, orally and in writing, to removing medication from the Pharmacy A. without authorization and to stealing approximately 300 units of Carisoprodol;
- I. The Respondent was terminated from employment with Pharmacy A;
- J. The Montgomery County Police were called and the Respondent was escorted out of Pharmacy A.;
- K. The Respondent signed a promissory note, agreeing to repay Pharmacy A for its loss;
- L. The Respondent was criminally charged for the theft/loss she caused Pharmacy A.

4. The Respondent was charged in the District Court for Montgomery County with the following:

- Theft, less \$1000;
- Theft Scheme, less \$1000;
- CDS Possess, not Marijuana.

5. On September 8, 2015, the case was placed on a STET docket and closed.

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) (2014 Repl. Vol. II.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 9th day of November, 2015, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. II), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T12108, 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. Code Ann. Gen. Prov., §§ 4-101 *et seq.*



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.