

IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE  
SHIRLEY MATTHEWS, PHARM. TECH.\* STATE BOARD PHARMACY  
Registration No.: T03950 \* OF  
Respondent \* CASE NO. PT-10-011

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2)(2009 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland issued to Shirley Matthews, Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech), (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-101, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol.). 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 February 13, 2009. The Respondent's registration expires on December 31, 2010.
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at the Wal\*Mart Pharmacy on Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, Maryland.
3. On February 24, 2010, the Respondent was terminated from Wal\*Mart due to theft of drugs. The Respondent signed a statement admitting that she stole 60-100 pills in December 2009 because she was in pain. She admitted to stealing "Flexial,"

"Tramadol," "Vicoden" and "Motrin".<sup>1</sup>

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

As set forth above, by stealing narcotics from her employer for personal use, 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.).

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 21<sup>st</sup> day of **June**, 2010, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted by the Board by Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. § 10-226(c)(2) (2010 Repl. Vol.), the license held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T03950, 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

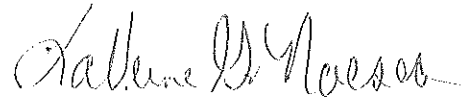
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<sup>1</sup> These medications are all pain medications. However, when the pharmacy filed a theft and loss report, it listed the losses as Alprazolam, Phentermine and Zolpidem, which are for the following conditions, the management of anxiety disorder, the management of exogenous obesity as short term adjunct in a regimen of weight reduction based on caloric restriction, and the short-term treatment of insomnia characterized by difficulties with sleep initiation, respectively.

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.).



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.