

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
PATRICE McCLENDON, Pharm Tech * STATE BOARD
Registration No.T06354 * OF
Respondent * PHARMACY
* Case No. PT-12-012/12-21

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (1)(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 Patrice McClendon, (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 September 22, 2009. The Respondent's license expires on December 31, 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, the Respondent was observed on camera taking a prescription from another employee in the parking lot and processing the prescription. Upon checking, it was discovered that the Respondent had filled that prescription for 15 mg Oxycodone for purported patient from a hospital in Baltimore City. Upon further

investigation, it was determined that the prescription was forged. The Respondent had also filled four other forged prescriptions for patients from that same hospital since March 9, 2011.

4. The Respondent later admitted in a written statement that she had filled these forged prescriptions.

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 processing 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).

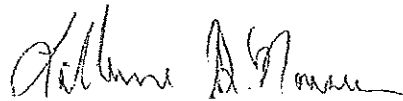
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Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 19th day of October 2011, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted by the Board by Md. St. Govt. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T06354, 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.