

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	*	<b>BEFORE THE STATE</b>
<b>MORGAN PAIGE</b>	*	<b>BOARD OF</b>
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	*	<b>PHARMACY</b>
<b>REGISTRATION NO.: T06118</b>	*	<b>CASE NUMBER: PT-13-027/13-227</b>
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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the registration of Morgan A .Paige Registration Number: T06118 ("the Respondent"), to practice as registered pharmacy technician under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H. O.") §§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:<sup>1</sup>

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on or about July 28, 2009.
2. The Respondent's registration expired on April 30, 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis for the Board's action. 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 this matter.

3. In or around February 2013, a detective (“Detective A”) from the Baltimore County Police Department Vice Narcotics and Pharmaceuticals Squad informed the Board that the Respondent had been arrested in January 2013 for illegal possession and theft of Oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance.

4. Prior to her arrest, Detective A was contacted by a pharmacist (“Pharmacist Y”), who worked at a Baltimore County pharmacy. The Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician at the same Baltimore County pharmacy.

5. Pharmacist Y informed Detective A that the Respondent had taken 30 tablets of Oxycodone Hcl from a prescription bottle that had already been filled and dispensed to a patient. The patient’s prescription was for 150 tablets of Oxycodone Hcl.

6. Pharmacist Y was informed of the missing medication after a patient contacted Pharmacist Y and informed the pharmacist that all the medication was not in the bottle that the patient picked up from the pharmacy.

7. The Respondent was observed by Pharmacist Y and Detective A on pharmacy surveillance tapes opening a prescription bottle, removing pills from the bottle, and placing them in her sweater pocket.

8. When questioned by Detective A, the Respondent admitted that she had taken Oxycodone tablets from the prescription bottle and placed them in her sweater pocket.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing investigative findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. State Gov't. Code Ann. § 10-226(c) (2).

**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby

**ORDERED** that the registration issued to the Respondent to practice as pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under registration number T06118 is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall immediately return all registrations to the Board; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this **ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION** is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** as defined in Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 *et seq.* (2009 Repl.)

7/29/2013  
Date

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