

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE

KEIRA REED

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STATE BOARD OF

Respondent

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PHARMACY

REGISTRATION NO: T11004

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Case No.: PT-13-018/13-218

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.), the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.), and Code Md. Regs. tit. 10, § 34.01.12, the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the registration of **KEIRA REED, Registration Number T11004, (the "Respondent") (D.O.B.: 04/11/1990)**, to practice as a pharmacy technician under the Act. This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:¹

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under Registration Number T11004. The Respondent was first registered on June 8, 2012. The Respondent's registration is active and is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2014.

2. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at Pharmacy A in District Heights, Maryland.

3. On or about December 18, 2012, the Board received information from Pharmacy A that it experienced a significant theft of a controlled dangerous substance

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a completed description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in this matter.

("CDS"). Pharmacy A further disclosed that the Respondent was terminated for stealing CDS.

4. Thereafter the Board initiated an investigation.

5. The Board's investigation revealed that on November 9, 2012, the Respondent admitted to stealing 240 ml of Promethazine with codeine.² The Respondent further admitted to stealing 100 eight ounce bottles of Promethazine with codeine over the previous nine months. The value of the stolen medication was \$2,204.50.

6. The Respondent stated that she stole the medication so that she could sell it in order to pay her bills. She further stated that she would sell the bottles of medication for \$80 to \$100 depending on the buyer.

7. The Respondent was terminated from her employment at Pharmacy A on November 10, 2012.

8. On or about November 12, 2012, in the District Court of Maryland for Prince George's County, the Respondent was charged with theft \$1,000 to under \$10,000, theft less than \$1000 and theft scheme \$1,000 to under \$10,000. This case (case no.: 0E00476973) is scheduled for a trial on March 25, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Accordingly, the Board concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-226(c)(2)(i) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.).

² Promethazine is an antihistamine and codeine is a schedule II controlled dangerous substance.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is this 28th day of **February 2013**, by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested by Md. State Gov't Code Ann., § 10-226(c)(2), the Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent must request a post-deprivation show cause hearing in writing **WITHIN 30 DAYS** of her receipt of this notice. The written request should be made to: LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Pharmacy, Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215 with copies mailed to: Tracee Orlove Fruman, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 300 West Preston Street, Suite 207, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, and Linda Bethman, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 300 West Preston Street, Suite 302, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and be it further

ORDERED that if the Respondent fails to request a post-deprivation show cause hearing, the Respondent's registration will remain suspended; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board her registration to practice as a pharmacy technician issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED that this document constitutes an 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 2012 Supp.).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "LaVerne G. Naesea", written in black ink on a white background.

LaVerne G. Naesea,
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Pharmacy