

IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE**
BRITNE SAUNDERS, PHARM TECH * **STATE BOARD**
Respondent * **OF**
Registration No.: T16259 * **PHARMACY**
* * **Case No. PT-17-024**

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Government II (SG II) §10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to **BRITNE SAUNDERS**, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations II (Health Occ. II) §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS¹

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on April 2, 2015. The Respondent's registration expires on September 30, 2018.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a National chain pharmacy in Hyattsville, Prince George's County, Maryland, hereinafter the "Pharmacy."²

¹ The allegations set forth in this Notice are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of 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 connection with this Notice.

3. On or about January 9, 2017, the Pharmacy notified the Board that it had identified a theft or loss of controlled substances. It further informed the Board that it would investigate and notify the Board at the conclusion of the investigation.

4. Subsequently, the Pharmacy sent the Board its interview of the Respondent conducted on January 6, 2017, wherein the Respondent admitted changing the prices on items for her friend and herself, as well as taking 10 Amoxicillin³, 500 mg, tablets on two separate occasions. The Respondent further admitted to taking Viagra⁴, but was adamant that she put it back on the shelf.

5. As a result of the admitted theft, the Respondent was terminated from employment with the Pharmacy.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to SG II §10-226 (c) (2).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 17th day of July, 2017, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by SG II §10-226 (c) (2), that the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T16259, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

² For confidentially purposes, the names of pharmacies and all individuals referenced herein will not be identified by name in this document, but may be revealed to the Respondent by contacting the Administrative Prosecutor.


³ Amoxicillin is a penicillin antibiotic used to treat many different types of infection caused by bacteria, such as tonsillitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, gonorrhea, and infections of the ear, nose, throat, skin, or urinary tract.

⁴ Viagra (sildenafil) relaxes muscles found in the walls of blood vessels and increases blood flow to particular areas of the body. Viagra is used to treat erectile dysfunction (impotence) in men.

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 Respondent is fit to practice as a Pharm Tech and/or a danger to the public; whether the Summary Suspension should be continued; 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., General Provisions §§4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol.).


Deena Speights-Napata, 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.