

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
LACEY STREET, Pharm Tech	*	STATE BOARD
Registration No.: T12171	*	OF
Respondent	*	PHARMACY
	*	Case No. PT-14-011/14-211

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt (SG) 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 (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to **LACEY STREET** (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:

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on March 11, 2013. The Respondent's registration expires on July 31, 2014.
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a National chain pharmacy in Ocean City,, Maryland, hereinafter "Pharmacy A."
3. On or about May 10, 2013, the Ocean City Police Department was called by the Loss Prevention personnel of Pharmacy A regarding a theft. The following information was obtained:

- A. On April 16, 2013, Pharmacy A's Pharmacist had informed the Loss Prevention Officer that, on April 16, 2013, a male came into the store and was "flipping out" about the Respondent's stealing prescriptions and selling them at his residence;
 - B. As a result of this, the Loss Prevention Officer began an investigation by performing a count of the pills at the store; The count disclosed a shortage of Hydrocodone-Acetaminophen 10/325¹ by approximately 2400 pills;
 - C. When confronted about the theft, the Respondent informed personnel at Pharmacy A and then the Police Officer that she had been stealing drugs from February to April 2013.
 - D. Though the Respondent also admitted stealing Hydrocodone-Acetaminophen, 7.5/750² and Suboxone³, the Loss Prevention Officer did not have count on how many of those drugs were missing;
 - E. Based upon the theft of drugs, the Respondent was terminated from employment at Pharmacy A.
4. As a result of the above, the Respondent was charged with three counts of theft in the District Court for Worcester County.

¹Hydrocodone is in a group of drugs called narcotic pain relievers. Acetaminophen is a less potent pain reliever that increases the effects of hydrocodone. The combination of hydrocodone and acetaminophen is used to relieve moderate to severe pain. In this combination, there are 10 mg of Hydrocodone and 325 mg of acetaminophen per pill.

²This combination means that there are 7.5 mg of hydrocodone and 750 mg of acetaminophen per pill.

³Suboxone is used to treat moderate to severe pain for opioid dependence.

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 1st day of October, 2013, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T12171 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 2012 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.