

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE STATE
MESERET TEREFE	*	BOARD OF
REGISTRATION No: T09286	*	PHARMACY
Respondent	*	CASE No.: PT-13-014/13-214
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FINAL ORDER

On February 21, 2013, the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (“the Board”), issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke the pharmacy technician registration of **MESERET TEREFE (the “Respondent”) (D.O.B. 12/21/1975), Registration No.: T09286**, based on his violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. (“H.O.”) §§ 12-101, *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.).

The Board found that the Respondent violated the following provisions of H.O. § 12-6B-09:

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-315 of this title, the Board may deny a pharmacy technician’s registration to any applicant, reprimand a registered pharmacy technician, place any pharmacy technician’s registration on probation, or suspend or revoke a pharmacy technician’s registration if the applicant or pharmacy technician registrant:

- (22) Pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, regardless of whether:
 - is (i) An adjudication of guilt or sentencing or imposition or sentence withheld; or
 - (ii) Any appeal or other proceeding is pending regarding the matter; [and]

The Board notified the Respondent that this Final Order would be executed thirty (30) days from the Respondent’s receipt of the Board’s notification, unless he requested

a hearing. The Board's Notice of Intent to Revoke Pharmacy Technician Registration (the "Notice.") was mailed to the Respondent's address of record by certified mail and by regular mail. The Respondent did not request a hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds the following:

1. The Respondent is registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under Registration Number T09286. The Respondent was first registered on June 13, 2011. The Respondent's registration is non-renewed, having expired on December 31, 2012.
2. On or about October 19, 2012, the Board received information that the Respondent pleaded guilty to stealing at least \$400,000 in parking fees from an aircraft museum.
3. Thereafter, the Board initiated an investigation.
4. The Board's investigation revealed that on or about September 28, 2012, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the Respondent plead guilty to stealing at least \$400,000 in parking fees from an aviation museum in Chantilly, Virginia.
5. From March 2009 through July 2012, the Respondent was an employee of Parking Management, Inc., and worked as a booth attendant at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center parking lot. He admitted that beginning in late 2009, he stole parking fees by repeatedly unplugging the electronic vehicle counters or not handing customers serialized parking tickets. The Respondent stated

that by underreporting the number of vehicles that entered the garage, he stole between \$1,800 and \$4,500 per day.

6. On or about January 18, 2013, the Respondent was sentenced to one year and eight months in federal prison. He was also ordered to pay back the \$487,000 that he stole.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board finds by a preponderance of evidence and concludes that the Respondent's conduct as described above violates H.O. § 12-6B-09(22) Pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, regardless of whether: (i) An adjudication of guilt or sentencing or imposition or sentence is withheld; or (ii) Any appeal or other proceeding is pending regarding the matter.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice as a pharmacy technician is hereby **REVOKED**;

ORDERED that this Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-611 et seq. (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.).

April 17, 2013
Date

Rodney H. Taylor
Pharm.D
for Michael N. Souranis, P.D.
President, State Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §19-313 (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.), you have a right to take a direct judicial appeal. A Petition for Judicial Review must be filed within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this Order and shall be made as provided for judicial review of a final decision in the Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §§ 10-201 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.), and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules.