

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	*	<b>BEFORE THE</b>
<b>LEANN HARMON WEAMER</b>	*	<b>STATE BOARD</b>
<b>PHARM TECH</b>	*	<b>OF</b>
<b>Registration No.: T01901</b>	*	<b>PHARMACY</b>
<b>Respondent</b>	*	<b>Case No. PT-14-032/14-232</b>
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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 **LEANN HARMON WEAMER**, (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 August 8, 2008. The Respondent's registration expires on January 31, 2016.
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. In February 2014, the pharmacy supervisor contacted the chain's Regional Loss Prevention Manager to inform him that the last two inventory reports showed suspected losses. As a result, the Loss Prevention Manager went to Pharmacy A and a further review determined that theft to have been by the Respondent.

4. As a result of this determination, the Respondent was interviewed and admitted, orally and in writing that she had stolen approximately 3200 pills over a seven-month period. The Respondent admitted that, some days, she would take whole bottles and on others, would dump quantities into her lab jacket to later transfer them to her personal jacket or pants pockets.

5. The total value of the Hydrocodone<sup>1</sup>, Alprazolam<sup>2</sup> and Xanax<sup>3</sup> stolen was \$2219.87. On 2/5/14, the Respondent signed a promissory note for said amount.

6. The Drug Enforcement Administration Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances listed the loss, as follows:

<u>Trade Name</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Alprazolam, 1mg tablets	4543
Hydrocodone, 1mg	1422

7. The Respondent and charged in the District Court of Maryland for Worcester County with the following:

Count 1	Theft \$1000 to under \$10,000
Count 2	Theft Scheme 1K to under 10 K

8. On July 3, 2014, in the Circuit Court for Worcester County where the case had been transferred, the Respondent entered an *Alford Plea*<sup>4</sup> to Count 2 and was

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<sup>1</sup>Hydrocodone is in a group of drugs called opioids and is used to relieve moderate to severe pain.

<sup>2</sup>Alprazolam Treats anxiety, panic disorder, insomnia (trouble sleeping), and anxiety caused by depression. This medicine is a benzodiazepine.

<sup>3</sup>Xanax is a trade name of Alprazolam.

<sup>4</sup>An Alford plea or an Alford guilty plea and the Alford doctrine in United States law is a guilty plea in criminal court whereby a defendant in a criminal case does not admit the criminal act and asserts innocence. In entering an Alford plea, the defendant admits that the evidence the prosecution has would be likely to persuade a judge or jury to find the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

found guilty. She received two years imprisonment, with one year and eight months suspended. She was placed on supervised Probation for three years and ordered to pay a \$500 fine. Count 1 was nolle prossed.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014, 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. **FILL IN**, is hereby **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.).



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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.

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