

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE

LISA WHITE, P.D.

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STATE BOARD PHARMACY

License No.: 12969

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OF

Respondent

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CASE NO. 10-049

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the license to practice as a pharmacist in Maryland issued to Lisa White, P.D., (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:

**BACKGROUND**

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice as a pharmacist in Maryland. The Respondent was first licensed on November 11, 1992. The Respondent's license expires on February 28, 2011.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a pharmacist at the Giant on Baltimore National Pike in Howard County.

3. On October 22, 23 and 26, 2009, the Respondent was observed on the store's closed circuit TV removing various quantities of Hydrocodone from display and concealing it on her person.

4. On October 27, 2009, the Respondent was interviewed by an investigator

and her Pharmacy Supervisor, and a Howard County Police Detective. The Respondent admitted to theft and confessed that she had been stealing from her employer for approximately two years. Two tablets of Vicoprofen were recovered from the Respondent's pants and 18 tablets were recovered from her purse. Subsequently, she was placed under arrest by the Detective, and her vehicle and residence were searched, resulting in further recovery of other Hydrocodone tablets.<sup>1</sup>

5. After her termination and arrest, the Respondent called the Board and informed the Administrative Manager that she was addicted to prescription medication. She was told that her addiction and arrest would be reported to the Compliance Unit and that she should seek addiction treatment and turn in her license.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

As set forth above, by stealing narcotics from her employer for personal use, the Respondent is a threat to the public health, welfare or safety.

### **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**

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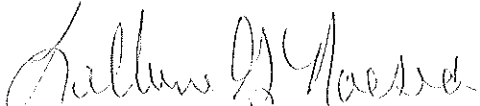
<sup>1</sup>The charges were subsequently nolle prossed on January 6, 2010.

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 21<sup>st</sup> day of **June**, 2010, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted by the Board by Md. St. Govt. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the license held by the Respondent to practice as a pharmacist in Maryland, License No. 12969, 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 pharmacist 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 license to practice pharmacy 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.