IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE

MICHELLE WILES, Pharm Tech

STATE BOARD

Registration No. T11109

* OF

Respondent

PHARMACY

Case No. PT-13-008

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2)(2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the license to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to Michelle Wiles (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 12-101, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.). 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 registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on June 28, 2012.

 The Respondent's registration expires on July 31, 2013.
- 2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a National chain pharmacy located in Oakland, Maryland.
- 3. On August 24, 2012, a customer came into the pharmacy and complained that the prescription for Oxycodone APAP 7.5/500 was short by two pills. Subsequently, the pharmacy's Loss Prevention Officer viewed the surveillance video of the day and

time that the prescription for this person was filled. When she did so, she observed that the Respondent took several pills and placed them into her pocket. Thereupon, the Officer reviewed additional surveillance video, and, on August 22, 2012, she observed the Respondent placing several pills in her pocket while filling a prescription for Methylphenidate for another customer.

- 4. The Officer interviewed the Respondent regarding the taking of the pills and the Respondent admitted that she had begun taking pills about three weeks earlier and would take one or two pills while filling a prescription for CII drugs. The Respondent said that she had done so to see what taking the pills was like. The Respondent admitted that she had taken approximately 20-30 pills of different drugs. The Respondent also produced a written statement regarding the matter.
 - 5. The Loss Prevention Officer reported that there were about 10 Oxycontin and 10 Oxycodone pills missing with a total value of \$98.78.
 - 6. On November 14, 2012, in the District Court for Garrett County, the Respondent pled guilty to theft of less than \$100 as a result of the above and was given unsupervised probation for six months, was ordered to pay restitution of \$98.78, and was ordered to pay court costs.

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) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.).

<u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 2111 day of Novell, 2012, 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. and 2012 Supp.), the license held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T11109, 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 license 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.).

Michael N. Souranis, P.D., President 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.