

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	*	<b>BEFORE THE</b>
<b>AMBER COLEMAN, Pharm Tech.</b>	*	<b>STATE BOARD</b>
<b>Registration No.: T04395</b>	*	<b>OF</b>
<b>Respondent</b>	*	<b>PHARMACY</b>
	*	<b>Case Nos.: PT-12-009/12-208</b>

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. AND 2011 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 Amber Coleman, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-101, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 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 March 11, 2009. The Respondent's registration expires on March 31, 2012.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed by a National chain pharmacy in Damascus, Maryland in Montgomery County, as a Pharm Tech.

3. On or about July 27, 2011, the Board was notified that the pharmacy had sent a DEA 106 form regarding a notice of suspected loss or theft involving the Respondent. The form stated that, on July 19, 2011, the Respondent admitted that she

had taken Hydrocodone/apap, 10/650, # 1864. The Respondent was terminated from employment as a result and law enforcement was contacted.<sup>1</sup> The pharmacy was researching other drug loss.

4. In addition, the Board received notice that the Respondent's Virginia registration posed a substantial danger to the public health or safety and, as a result, on October 7, 2011, that Board summarily suspended it. The basis for the suspension was that, while working at a pharmacy in Danville, Virginia, between May 2 and July 15, 2011, the Respondent diverted approximately 250 tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10/500 (Sch. II) and approximately 250 tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 10/650 to sell to another individual, and at least two inhalers of Ventolin (Albuterol Sulfate, Schedule VI) for her personal use.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

As set forth above, by stealing drugs from her employer, 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. and 2011 Supp.).

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<sup>1</sup>The Respondent's criminal case is scheduled for December 15, 2011 in the District Court of Montgomery County, where she is charged with theft under \$10,000.

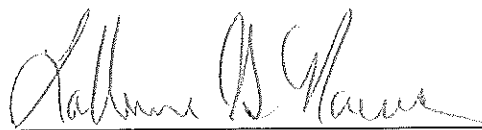
**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 5<sup>th</sup> day of **December**, 2011, 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 2011 Supp.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T04395, 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. and 2011 Supp.).

  
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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.