

**IN THE MATTER OF
NATASHA D. JOHNSON,
REGISTRATION NO. T07059**

*** BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND BOARD
* OF PHARMACY
* Case No. 22-040**

Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

Procedural Background

Based on information received and a subsequent investigation by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”), and subject to the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-101 *et seq.*, and the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t §§ 10-201 *et seq.*, the Board issued an Order for Summary Suspension dated December 17, 2021, in which it summarily suspended the pharmacy technician registration held by Natasha D. Johnson (the “Respondent”). Specifically, the Board found reliable evidence demonstrated that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively required emergency action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t §10-226(c)(2).

On February 16, 2022, the Board held a hearing before a quorum of the Board to allow the Respondent the opportunity to show cause why the Respondent did not pose an imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public. In lieu of a continued summary suspension, the Respondent and the Board agreed to resolve the matter by way of this Consent Order with the terms contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to work as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under Registration Number T07059.
2. The Respondent was initially issued a registration to work as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on or about March 4, 2010.
3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a community pharmacy (“Pharmacy A”) in Baltimore City, Maryland.
4. On or about August 16, 2021, the Board received a copy of a DEA 106 Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances from Pharmacy A indicating employee theft of controlled dangerous substances.
5. Pharmacy A also provided to the Board a three-page statement, dated July 31, 2021, and signed by the Respondent. In the Respondent’s statement, she admitted that she took “a couple of clonazepam pink pills, a couple of tramadol and one oxycodone prescription.”¹ The Respondent blamed her actions on being in an abusive relationship.
6. The Respondent asserts that she diverted three return-to-stock prescriptions containing controlled dangerous substances due to physical threats she received from her abusive partner against her and her children. The Respondent stated that she has since obtained a restraining order and left the abusive relationship.
7. The Respondent has been registered as a pharmacy technician for over ten years without prior disciplinary issues.

¹ The Respondent denies diverting all of the drugs listed on Pharmacy A’s DEA 106 report. The State conceded that the report does not attribute the total loss to the Respondent.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Health Occupations Article § 12-6B-09(25) and (27), and COMAR 10.34.10.01A(1).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, by a majority vote of the Board it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Order of Summary Suspension, dated December 17, 2021, was properly issued; and be it further,

ORDERED that the public health and safety is not at risk by the Respondent provided that the Respondent fully complies with terms and conditions set forth herein; and be it further,

ORDERED that, upon execution of this Consent Order, the summary suspension imposed in the Board's Order for Summary Suspension, dated December 17, 2021, is hereby LIFTED; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent's registration shall be placed on immediate PROBATION for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of this Order, during which time the Respondent:

1. Shall NOT have access to controlled dangerous substances, regardless of the practice setting;

2. Shall ensure that her pharmacy employer(s) submit quarterly progress reports to the Board;

3. Shall provide written notification to the Board regarding her current employment, to include employment in a non-pharmacy setting; and

4. Shall submit to a criminal history records check (“CJIS”) upon her next registration renewal; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall bear all costs for compliance with the terms of probation herein; and be it further,

ORDERED that after one (1) year from the date of this Order, the Respondent may petition for modification of the terms of probation provided that the Respondent has been fully compliant with all terms of the Order and there are no pending complaints filed against her; and be it further,

ORDERED that after two (2) years from the date of this Order, the Respondent may petition for termination of probation provided that: (1) the Respondent has demonstrated two (2) years of full compliance with all terms herein; and (2) there are no pending complaints filed against the Respondent; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall at all times cooperate with the Board in its monitoring, supervision, and investigation of the Respondent’s compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent’s failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of the probationary terms and a violation of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event the Board finds for any good faith reason that the Respondent has violated any of the conditions of probation herein, or in the event that the Board finds for any good faith reason that the Respondent has committed a violation of Title 12 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may take further

disciplinary action against the Respondent's registration, provided that the Respondent is given notice and an opportunity for a hearing; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a final order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Prov. Art., §4-333.

4-13-22

Date


Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.
Executive Director

CONSENT

By signing this Consent, I hereby consent to the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

1. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained in this Consent Order.

2. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if it were made after a hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantial procedural protections provided by law.

3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.

4. I acknowledge that, by entering into this Consent Order, I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed an evidentiary hearing.

5. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

4/6/2022
Date

Natasha Johnson
Natasha D. Johnson

STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF Montgomery:

I hereby certify that on this 06th day of April, 2022, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared NATASHA D. JOHNSON, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires: 07/19/2024

