IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE

SHANTIQUA PERRY, PHARM TECH

MARYLAND STATE

Registration No.: T16079

BOARD OF

Respondent

PHARMACY

Case No. PT-17-027

FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN'S REGISTRATION

On April 4, 2018, the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), notified SHANTIQUA PERRY, PHARM TECH (Pharm Tech), Registration No. T16079, the Respondent, of its Intent to Revoke her pharmacy technician registration.

The Notice also informed the Respondent that, unless she requested a hearing in writing within 30 days of receipt of said Notice, the Board would sign the Final Order, which was enclosed. More than 30 days have elapsed and the Respondent failed to timely request a hearing. Therefore, this revocation is final.

The Board bases its action on the Respondent's violation of the following provisions of the Act:

HO § 12-6B-09. Grounds for reprimand or denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of registration.

Subject to the hearing provision of § 12-315 of this title, the Board may deny a pharmacy technician's registration to any applicant, reprimand a registered pharmacy technician, place any pharmacy technician's registration on probation, or suspend or revoke a pharmacy technician's registration if the applicant or pharmacy technician registrant:

- (3) Fraudulently uses a pharmacy technician's registration; [and]
- (27) Participates in any activity that is grounds for Board action under § 12-

313 or § 12-409 of this title [;].

With respect to HO § 12-6B-09 (27), the underlying grounds for Board action under § 12-313 include:

(25) Violates any rule for regulations adopted by the Board [;].

The pertinent provision of the Board's regulations under Code Md. Regs. ("COMAR") 10 § .34.10 provides:

- .01 Patient Safety and Welfare.
 - B. A pharmacist may not:
 - (3) Engage in unprofessional conduct.

FACTS THAT WARRANT THE REVOCATION OF THE RESPONDENT'S REGISTRATION

- At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on March 13, 2015. The Respondent's registration expired on March 31, 2017.
- 2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a pharmacy (the "Pharmacy")¹ in Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland.
- 3. On or about February 21, 2017, the Board received a notification from the Pharmacy that the Respondent had admitted to stealing Oxycontin, 20 mg, 56 tablets, and Oxycodone², 10 mg, 112 tablets, from the Pharmacy.

¹ For confidentially purposes, the names of pharmacies and all individuals referenced herein will not be identified by name in this document.

² Oxycodone hydrochloride is an opioid painkiller. It can be found in a number of prescription medications. When it is available by itself, it is available in the form of OxyContin. Oxycodone is also found in combination with other ingredients on a number of prescription medications e.g. Percocet. The main difference between the two relates to the onset of action. Oxycontin is a time-released drug. This means that it acts over a period of time. Usually, oxycodone medications need to be taken every four to six hours. However, Oxycontin continues acting for at least 12 hours. That is why it needs to be taken only twice a

- 4. The missing medication set forth above was valued a \$565.98
- 5. The Pharmacy's Incident Report disclosed that, on January 31, 2017, personnel reported that a customer came to pick up a prescription for pain medication, but none of it was in her order. The pharmacist on duty stated that he filled the prescription but did not know what happened to it.
- 6. According to the Report, on February 1, 2017, a review of the video from January 31, 2017 showed that, during the time in question, the only persons other than the pharmacist who entered the "Will Call" area was the Respondent. The video also showed that the Respondent appeared to have something in her hand when exiting the area and then left the pharmacy for 10 minutes.
- 7. Thereafter, the Respondent was interviewed and admitted that she had stolen the medication because she had "back pain". She claimed that she flushed the tablets down the toilet and asked to repay the company for the loss.
 - 8. As a result thereof, the Pharmacy terminated the Respondent's employment.
- 9. The Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes a violation of Health Occ. II § \$12-6B-09 (3) and (27), and Health Occ. II § 12-313(25), and COMAR 10.34.10.01 B (3).

ORDER

As set forth above, the Board hereby Orders, that the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland held by **SHANTIQUA PERRY**, the Respondent, **Registration No.: T16079**, be and is **REVOKED**, and that this Order is public,

day

pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol. and 2017 Supp.).

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with §12-316 of the Act and Md. Code Ann., State Government II §§10-201, et seq. (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp,), you have a right to a direct judicial appeal of this decision. A petition for appeal of the Final Board Order shall be filed within thirty days from your receipt of this Final Order and shall be made in accordance with the aforecited authority.

5/16/14 Date

Kevin M. Morgan, Pharm.D., President

State Board of Pharmacy