

IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
CYNTHIA R. PRICE \* BOARD OF  
RESPONDENT \* PHARMACY  
REGISTRATION NO.: T09577 \* CASE NO: 18-130

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann. State Govt. §10-226 (c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol.), the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the license of Cynthia R. Price, Registration Number: T09577 (the "Respondent"), to practice as a pharmacy technician, under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("H. O.") §§12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:<sup>1</sup>

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland.
2. The Respondent was originally registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on or about August 4, 2011.
3. The Respondent's registration expires on October 31, 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis for the Board's action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in this matter.

4. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician at a retail pharmacy chain ("Pharmacy A"), located in Maryland.<sup>2</sup>

5. On or about December 22, 2017, the Board received information from Pharmacy A's pharmacy compliance manager that the Respondent had diverted prescription medication from Pharmacy A.

6. In or around December 2017, an investigation conducted by Pharmacy A staff and the Anne Arundel Police Department ("Anne Arundel Police"), revealed that the between September 2017 and December 2017, Respondent diverted controlled substances from Pharmacy A.

7. The investigation conducted by Pharmacy A staff and the Anne Arundel Police Department ("Anne Arundel Police") also revealed that between September 2017 and December 2017, the Respondent diverted: Oxycodone 30mg -1980 tablets; Oxycodone 10mg- 180 tablets; Alprazolam 2 mg - 9269 tablets; and Tramadol HCL 50 mg – 989 tablets.

8. Pharmacy A staff and the Annie Arundel Police viewed videotape taken from a Pharmacy A camera that showed the Respondent placing a prescription bottle inside the pocket of her pharmacy smock.

9. Pharmacy A staff and the Anne Arundel Police also viewed videotape from a Pharmacy A camera that showed the Respondent receiving fraudulent prescriptions from friends and a family member.

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<sup>2</sup>Pharmacy A is not identified in this document for privacy reasons, but this information will be provided to the Respondent upon request.

10. Once the Respondent received the fraudulent prescriptions, she entered the prescriptions into Pharmacy A's pharmacy system and assigned the prescriptions an insurance discount code.

11. Pharmacy A staff and the Anne Arundel Police also observed on videotape from a Pharmacy A camera entering fraudulent controlled substance prescriptions without the prescriptions being dropped-off at Pharmacy A by anyone.

12. The Respondent was terminated from Pharmacy A on or about December 21, 2017.

13. On or about April 6, 2018, the Respondent was charged by the Grand Jury for Anne Arundel County, Maryland ("Grand Jury") with numerous felony and misdemeanor drug offenses, including distribution of Oxycodone. The Grand Jury also charged the Respondent with felony theft of prescription medication from Pharmacy A.

14. Based on the foregoing investigative findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. § 10-226(c) (2).

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this \_13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby

**ORDERED** that the license issued to the Respondent to practice pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under registration number: T09577 is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall immediately return all pharmacy registrations to the Board; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this **ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION** is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** as defined in Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

8-13-18  
Date

  
Deena Speights-Napata  
Executive Director  
Maryland Board of Pharmacy