

IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE**
BRITNE SAUNDERS, PHARM TECH * **STATE BOARD**
Respondent * **OF**
Registration No.: T16259 * **PHARMACY**
* **Case No. PT-17-024**

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**FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION
OF PHARMACY TECHNICIAN’S REGISTRATION**

On November 15, 2017, the State Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”), notified **BRITNE SAUNDERS**, Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech), 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 its “Act”, Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations II (“Health Occ. II”) §§ 12-101, *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.)

Health Occ. II § 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 § 12-6B-09(27) of the Act, the underlying grounds for Board action under § 12-313 include:

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

The pertinent provision of the Board's regulations under Code Md. Regs. ("COMAR") tit. 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**

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on April 2, 2015. The Respondent's registration expires on September 30, 2018.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a National chain pharmacy in Hyattsville, Prince George's County, Maryland, hereinafter the "Pharmacy."¹

3. On or about January 9, 2017, the Pharmacy notified the Board that it had identified a theft or loss of controlled substances. It further informed the Board that it would investigate and notify the Board at the conclusion of the investigation.

4. Subsequently, the Pharmacy sent the Board its interview of the Respondent conducted on January 6, 2017, wherein the Respondent admitted changing the prices on

¹For confidentially purposes, the names of pharmacies and all individuals referenced herein will not be

items for her friend and herself, as well as taking 10 Amoxicillin², 500 mg, tablets on two separate occasions. The Respondent further admitted to taking Viagra³, but was adamant that she put it back on the shelf.

5. As a result of the admitted theft, the Respondent was terminated from employment with the Pharmacy.

6. Based upon the above, on July 17, 2017, the Board issued an Order for Summary Suspension in which it summarily suspended the Respondent's registration. The Respondent failed to request a hearing and/or to contest the Board's findings.

7. The Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes a violation of Health Occ. II § §12-6B-09 (3) and (27), Health Occ. II § 12-313(25), and COMAR 10.34.10.01 B (3).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated §12-6B-09 Health Occ. II §12-6B-09 (3), and (27), 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 **BRITNE SAUNDERS**, the Respondent, **Registration No. T16259**, be and is **REVOKED**, and that this Order is public, pursuant to Md. Code Ann. General Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol. and 2017 Supp.).

identified by name in this document.


² Amoxicillin is a penicillin antibiotic used to treat many different types of infection caused by bacteria, such as tonsillitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, gonorrhea, and infections of the ear, nose, throat, skin, or urinary tract.

³ Viagra (sildenafil) relaxes muscles found in the walls of blood vessels and increases blood flow to particular areas of the body. Viagra is used to treat erectile dysfunction (impotence) in men.

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 Replacement Vol. and 2017 Repl. Vol.), 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.

2/21/2018
Date


Mitra Gavvani, Pharm.D., President
State Board of Pharmacy