

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
COREY WHITE, PHARM TECH * STATE BOARD
Registration No.: T05762 * OF
Respondent * PHARMACY
* Case No. PT-16-023

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

On April 18, 2018, the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), notified **COREY WHITE**, Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech), the Respondent, **Registration No. T05762**, of its Intent to Revoke his Pharmacy Tech registration.

The Notice also informed the Respondent that, unless he 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: Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (Health Occ.) (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.).

Health Occ. § 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;
- (27) Participates in any activity that is grounds for Board action under § 12-

313 or § 12-409 of this title [;].

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

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

The pertinent provision of the Board's regulations under Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR") § 10.34.10, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Intern, and Pharmacy Technician Code of Conduct, 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 June 10, 2009. The Respondent's registration expired on October 3, 2016.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a pharmacy in a hospital, hereinafter the "Pharmacy."¹

3. On or about February 24, 2016, the Board received documentation from the Pharmacy indicating that the Respondent was terminated from employment on February 16, 2016 for violation of the Pharmacy's Drug, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy, as follows:

¹ The names of facilities and/or individuals are confidential.

- A. On February 5, 2016, a nurse in a unit received an opened packet of 40 mg of Oxycontin² from the machine and reported it to the Pharmacy;
- B. The Pharmacy investigated and discovered the opened packet labeled 40 mg Oxycontin actually contained a glipizide³ xl 2.5 mg pill, which looks very similar to the Oxycontin medicine in size, shape and color;
- C. Once discovered, all of the medicine machines in the hospital were checked to see whether all of the OxyContin were appropriately packaged and unopened;
- D. Reports were run to determine who had access by the Pharm Techs into these machines as far back as November 2015;
- E. It was determined that, of all of the Pharm Techs who accessed the machines, only the Respondent had no assigned reason to do so on three different occasions;
- F. As a result, a meeting was held with the Respondent with several hospital personnel when the Respondent returned to work on February 9, 2016;
- G. At the interview, the Respondent came up with a reason why he opened the machine when he was not scheduled to work that date and denied that he was on drugs or that he had taken the medicine;

² Oxycontin is a narcotic that treats moderate to severe pain.

³ Glipizide is an oral diabetes medicine that helps control blood sugar levels by helping the pancreas produce insulin.

- H. It was explained the potential harm that could have been caused by placing a different medicine in a packet than the one labeled, had a patient received it;
- I. Finally, after denying tampering with the drugs for a long while, the Respondent admitted that he had removed four OxyContin packages and placed them in a bag to take to the pharmacy and had stepped on the bag, crushing them. He claimed that he disposed of the crushed tablets in a “sharps” container and then substituted the glipizide for the OxyContin because they looked so similar. He further admitted that he changed the dates and replaced the packets in the machine;
- J. The Respondent was told to self-report this incident to the Board and that the Hospital would report it to the Board, as well as file a DEA “Report of Theft and Loss” as it was required.

4. As a result of the above actions/admissions, the Respondent was terminated from employment on February 16, 2016.

5. Pharmacy A filed the DEA report as required.⁴

6. Based upon the above, on September 20, 2016, 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. §§ 12-6B-09 (3) and (27), Health Occ. § 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 Health Occ. §12-6B-09 (3) and (27), Health Occ. § 12-313(25), and COMAR § 10.34.10.01 B (3).

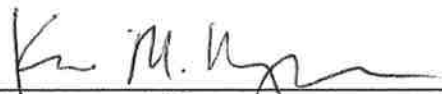
ORDER

As set forth above, the Board hereby Orders that the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland held by **COREY WHITE**, the Respondent, Registration Number: T05762 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.).

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with § 12-316 of the Act and Md. Code Ann., State Government §§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.

9/18/18
Date


Kevin Morgan, Pharm.D., President
State Board of Pharmacy

⁴ The Respondent failed to self-report the incident to the Board.