

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
KAITLYN CIARAVELLA, Pharm Tech * STATE BOARD
Registration No.: T08163 * OF
Respondent * PHARMACY
* Case No: PT-13-007/13-207

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

On February 19, 2014, the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), notified **KAITLYN CIARAVELLA**, Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech), the Respondent, of its Intent to Revoke her Pharm Tech 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 basis for the Board's action was pursuant to State Gov't Code Ann. ("S.G.") § 10-226 (c) (1) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H.O."), § § 12-101, *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.).

S.G. § 10-226. Licenses.-Special Provisions:

(c) *Revocation of (sic) suspension.*— (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a unit may not revoke or suspend a license unless the unit first gives the licensee:

- (i) written notice of the facts that warrant suspension or revocation;
and
- (ii) an opportunity to be heard.

H.O. § 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:

- (22) Pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, regardless of whether:
 - (i) An adjudication of guilt or sentencing or imposition of sentence is withheld; or
 - (ii) Any appeal or other proceeding is pending regarding the matter[;].

**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 October 8, 2010. The Respondent's registration expired on May 31, 2014.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a pharmacy within a National supermarket chain, hereinafter, "Pharmacy A", located in Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

3. On August 24, 2012, the Board was notified by Pharmacy A that it had filed a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) form of loss/theft of drugs, due to employee pilferage by the Respondent, and that the Division of Drug Control (DDC), the DEA, and the Anne Arundel County Police had also been notified.

4. Pharmacy A reported the following losses:

Diazepam ¹	10 mg.	8 tablets
Diazepam	5 mg.	516 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP ²	7.5/500	62 tablets
Alprazolam ³	.25 mg.	507 tablets
Alprazolam	5 mg.	385 tablets
Alprazolam	1 mg.	149 tablets

5. Pharmacy A's investigation resulted from several customers reporting that their prescriptions for oxycodone had pills missing, and that loose pills were found inside their prescription bags. The investigation revealed that, on August 2, 2012, three pills were missing from a customer's prescription, and, on August 8, 2012, 17 pills were missing from another customer's prescription. The fill times and the signature logs were matched to the store's video. Video review disclosed the Respondent opening these two targeted prescriptions, removing the pills, and ultimately placing them in her purse.

6. Further video review showed the Respondent taking pills from various customers' prescriptions on numerous occasions unrelated to the ones reported missing.

7. On August 15, 2012, Loss Prevention personnel interviewed the Respondent who gave a written statement admitting to various thefts from the bottles in

¹Diazepam is a benzodiazepine used to treat anxiety disorders, alcohol withdrawal symptoms, or muscle spasms. Diazepam is sometimes used with other medications to treat seizures.

²Hydrocodone is in a group of drugs called narcotic pain relievers. Acetaminophen is a less potent pain reliever that increases the effects of hydrocodone. 7.0 equals the amount of milligrams of hydrocodone; 500 equals the amount of acetaminophen in the medication.

³Alprazolam belongs to a group of drugs called benzodiazepines. Alprazolam is used to treat anxiety

the pharmacy and from customers' prescription bags. A search of her purse found various controlled pills, which were handed over to the County police. The Respondent was suspended from work, arrested and charged with theft and three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

8. On January 23, 2014, in the District Court for Anne Arundel County, the Respondent was found guilty of theft less than \$500, and pled guilty to CDS possession, not marijuana. She was given Probation Before Judgment (PBJ) and 30 days imprisonment. The other three accounts were nolle prossed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Facts, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated §12-6B-09 (22) (i) and (ii) of its Act.

ORDER

As set forth above, the Board hereby Orders, that the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland held by **KAITLYN CIARAVELLA**, the Respondent, be and is **REVOKED**, and that this Order is public, pursuant to §10-617(h), Md. State Govt. Code Ann. (2009 Repl. Vol.).

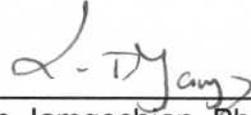
NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-316 (2009 Repl. Vol.) and the Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §§ 10-201, *et seq.*, (2009 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

disorders, panic disorders, and anxiety caused by depression.

in accordance with the aforesaid authority.

6/18/2014



Date

Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Pharm D.
President
Board of Pharmacy