

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
MICHELLE HAHN, Pharm Tech * STATE BOARD
REGISTRATION NO.: T02323 * OF
Respondent * PHARMACY
* Case No.: PT-14-027

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to **MICHELLE HAHN** (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§12-101, *et seq.*, (2009 Repl. Vol.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings which the Board has reason to believe are true:

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on August 22, 2008. The Respondent's registration expired on January 31, 2014.
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech for a pharmacy ("Pharmacy A") within a National grocery store in Howard County.
3. By a document dated January 10, 2014, the Board received from Pharmacy A a letter and a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) report indicating that the Respondent had admitted, orally and in writing, to stealing from Pharmacy A

various strengths of Hydrocodone.¹

4. The DEA report indicated that the following amounts of Hydrocodone were stolen:

- A. Hydrocodone-APAP 10/325², 300 tablets;
- B. Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen³, 10/325 mg, 300 tablets;
- C. Hydrocodone-APAP 10/325, 400 tablets.

5. As a result of the above, the Respondent's employment at Pharmacy A was terminated and she was criminally charged in the District Court of Maryland for Howard County with theft, less than \$100.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore, this 1st day of May, 2014, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the

¹Hydrocodone is a semi-synthetic opioid derived from codeine used orally as a narcotic analgesic and antitussive, often in combination with paracetamol (acetaminophen/aspirin) or ibuprofen (a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)).

²Hydrocodone-APAP 10-325 indicates that aspirin has been added to the Hydrocodone to increase its effects. In the combination, Hydrocodone = 10mg and APAP =325 mg.

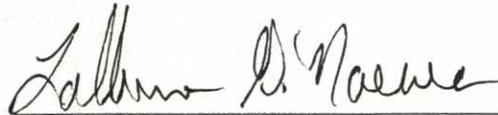
³A Bitartrate is a salt or monoester (a chemical compound), with the same properties as Footnote Number 2.

registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T02323 is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that, upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of said request, at which the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Summary Suspension should be continued, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a Pharm Tech and the danger to the public; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board her wall certificate and wallet-sized registration to practice as a Pharm Tech issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED that this document constitutes a Final Order of the Board and is, therefore, a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol.).



LaVerne G. Naesea, Executive Director
Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE OF HEARING

A Show Cause hearing to determine whether the Summary Suspension shall be continued will be held before the Board at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, 21215 following a written request by the Respondent for same.