

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE STATE
LINDY M. LEWIS	*	BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHARMACY
REGISTRATION NO.: T12856	*	CASE NUMBER: PT-14--035/14-235
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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 summarily suspends the registration of Lindy M. Lewis, Registration Number: T12856 ("the Respondent"), to practice as a registered pharmacy technician, under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H. O.") §§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:¹

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on or about June 14, 2013.
2. The Respondent's registration expires on December 21 2014.

¹ 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.

3. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician at Pharmacy A located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.²

4. In or about March 19, 2014, the management of Pharmacy A, a national retail pharmacy chain, notified the Board that the Respondent was terminated after Pharmacy A management discovered that the Respondent had stolen Hydrocodone from Pharmacy A.

5. Following an internal investigation, Pharmacy A management determined that the following controlled substances were missing from Pharmacy A: six hundred and thirty-nine (639) Hydrocodone 10-500mgs tablets; two hundred and eight-eight (288) Hydrocodone 7.5-500mgs tablets; one hundred (100) Hydrocodone 7.5-325 tablets; six (6)f Hydrocodone 5-500 tablets; and twenty of Hydrocodone 10-325 tablets.

6. During an interview with Pharmacy A management, the Respondent admitted verbally and in a written statement that she had been stealing Hydrocodone from Pharmacy A since October 2013.

7. During the interview, the Respondent also admitted that she ingested two (2) Hydrocodone 10-500 mgs tablets just prior to the interview. The Respondent also had three (3) Hydrocodone 10-500 mgs tablets in her possession that she gave to Pharmacy A management. The Respondent admitted that she had stolen the Hydrocodone tablets from Pharmacy A.

8. Following her interview with Pharmacy A management, the Respondent was arrested by the Rock Hall, Maryland Police.

² The name of Pharmacy A is omitted in order to protect the identity of Pharmacy A.

9. On May 29, 2014, the Respondent pled guilty, in the District Court for Kent County, Maryland to one (1) count of theft less than \$100, in violation of Md. Crim. Law Code Ann. § 7-104.

10. The Respondent was placed on supervised probation, ordered to pay a fine, and make restitution.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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. State Gov't. Code Ann. § 10-226(c) (2).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this 13th day of June 2014, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby

ORDERED that the registration issued to the Respondent to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under registration number T12856 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 registrations to the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this **ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION** is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** as defined in Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.)

6/13/14
Date



LaVerne G. Naesea, Executive Director
Board of Pharmacy