

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE STATE
MORGAN A. PAIGE	*	BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHARMACY
REGISTRATION NO.: T06118	*	CASE NUMBER: PT-13-027/13-227

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**FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION OF TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION**

The State Board of Pharmacy (“the Board”) notified Morgan A. Paige, Registration Number: T06118 (“the Respondent”) of the Board’s intent to revoke her registration to practice as pharmacy technician, under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the “Act”), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. (“H.O.”) §§ 12-101*et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.). Specifically, the pertinent provision state:

**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.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

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 July 28, 2009.

2. The Respondent's registration expired on April 30, 2013.

3. In or around February 2013, a detective ("Detective A") from the Baltimore County Police Department Vice Narcotics and Pharmaceuticals Squad informed the Board that the Respondent had been arrested in January 2013 for illegal possession and theft of Oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance.

4. Prior to her arrest, Detective A was contacted by a pharmacist ("Pharmacist Y"), who worked at a Baltimore County pharmacy. The Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician at the same Baltimore County pharmacy.

5. Pharmacist Y informed Detective A that the Respondent had taken 30 tablets of Oxycodone Hcl from a prescription bottle that had already been filled and dispensed to a patient. The patient's prescription was for 150 tablets of Oxycodone Hcl.

6. Pharmacist Y was informed of the missing medication after a patient contacted Pharmacist Y and informed the pharmacist that all the medication was not in the bottle that the patient picked up from the pharmacy.

7. The Respondent was observed by Pharmacist Y and Detective A on pharmacy surveillance tapes opening a prescription bottle, removing pills from the bottle, and placing them in her sweater pocket.

8. When questioned by Detective A, the Respondent admitted that she had taken Oxycodone tablets from the prescription bottle and placed them in her sweater pocket.

9. On or about May 20, 2013, the Board summarily suspended the Respondent's registration. The summary suspension of the Respondent's registration was based on the facts as set forth above.

10. The facts, as set forth above, are grounds for the revocation of the Respondent's registration.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated H.O. § 12-6B-09 (22).

#### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2015, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician, is hereby **REVOKED** and the Board will not accept, from the Respondent, any future application for licensure, certification, and/or registration; and it is further

**ORDERED** that for purposes of public disclosure and as permitted by Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §§ 10-601 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.), this document consists of the contents of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and is reportable to any entity to whom the Board is obligated to report; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order is final and a public document pursuant to Md. State  
Govt. Code Ann. §§ 10-601 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.).

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Date 1/21/2013

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Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Pharm D.  
President