

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
COREY CASTON, PHARM TECH * STATE BOARD
Respondent * OF
Registration No.: T18557 * PHARMACY
* Case No. PT-17-019

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

On August 16, 2018, the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), notified **COREY CASTON, Pharmacy Technician** (Pharm Tech), the Respondent, **Registration Number: T18557**, of its Intent to Revoke his pharmacy technician 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 its Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health Occ.") §§ 12-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.):q

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 Code Md. 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 September 13, 2016. The Respondent's registration expired on July 31, 2018.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a chain pharmacy in Prince George's County, Maryland, hereinafter the "Pharmacy."¹

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

3. On or about November 21, 2016, the Board received initial notification of controlled substance theft from the Pharmacy indicating possible employee pilferage, with no additional information provided.

4. On December 30, 2016, the Board received additional email from the Pharmacy, along with a written statement from the Respondent admitting to stealing Alprazolam², 2 mg, and Percocet³, 5mg, to sell, as well as theft of front-end merchandise.

5. The Pharmacy filled out a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) form of “Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances” which stated the following thefts/losses were caused by the Respondent, *inter alia*:

- A. Alprazolam, 2mg 328 tablets;
- B. Oxycodone-Acetaminophen 5-325 mg⁴ 86 tablets.

6. As a result of the thefts, the Respondent was terminated from employment with the Pharmacy on December 9, 2016, the date that the loss was discovered.

7. Based upon the above, on July 17, 2017, 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.

8. 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).

² Alprazolam, available under the trade name Xanax, is a potent, short-acting anxiolytic of the benzodiazepine class—a minor tranquilizer. It is commonly used for the treatment of anxiety disorders, especially of panic disorder, but also in the treatment of generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) or social anxiety disorder.

³ Percocet contains a combination of acetaminophen and oxycodone. Oxycodone is an opioid pain medication. An opioid is sometimes called a narcotic. Acetaminophen is a less potent pain reliever that increases the effects of oxycodone. Percocet is used to relieve moderate to severe pain.

⁴ 5 mg equals the amount of oxycodone in the medication; 325 mg equals the amount of acetaminophen in the

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated §§ 12-6B-09 (3) and (27), § 12-313(25) of the Act, 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 CASTON**, the Respondent, Registration Number T18557, 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 aforesaid authority.

10/17/18

Date



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

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