

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
SHEENA COLLINS, PHARM TECH * STATE BOARD
Registration No.: T11267 * OF
Respondent * PHARMACY
* Case No. PT-14-033

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

On August 20, 2014, the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), notified SHEENA COLLINS, Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech), the Respondent, of its Intent to Revoke her pharmacy technician 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.), and 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 March 25, 2011. 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 National chain pharmacy in Oakland, Maryland, hereinafter "Pharmacy A."

3. On a Drug Enforcement Administration "Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances", Pharmacy A indicated that in an investigation begun on August 30, 2013, the Respondent admitted stealing Hydrocodone in various strengths, as well as Alprazolam

A. Pharmacy A listed the actual losses as follows:

Hydrocodone-APAP, 7.5 mg, ¹	454 pills
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¹Hydrocodone is in a group of drugs called opioids and is used to relieve moderate to severe pain. It has been used as an antitussive (cough suppressant: an effect of the hydrocodone component) and is as effective and possibly a more potent antitussive than codeine. Hydrocodone is a centrally acting analgesic

Hydrocodone-APAP, 10/500 mg ²	415 pills
Hydrocodone-APAP, 10/325 mg ³	1893 pills
Alprazolam, 2 mg ⁴	1090 pills

B. The Respondent also acknowledged that a pharmacist wrote and filled a prescription for her, without authorization from her Physician's Assistant. The prescription was for Azithromycin⁵

4. As a result of these admissions, in October 2013, the Respondent was terminated from employment with Pharmacy A.

5. As a result of the above thefts, the Respondent was criminally charged. On May 1, 2014, in the District Court of Maryland for Allegany County, Maryland, the Respondent pled guilty to Theft, less than \$100, and was given a Probation Before Judgment (PBJ), and was placed on unsupervised Probation until May 1, 2015. The Respondent also had to pay court and other costs totaling \$57.50.

6. By pleading guilty to a crime of moral turpitude, the Respondent violated the Act.

used to provide additive pain relief when non-narcotic analgesics are ineffective. Acetaminophen (abbreviated APAP) is a peripherally acting analgesic agent found in many combination products and also available by itself. APAP is also an antipyretic (fever lowering) agent. While narcotics may offer greater analgesia than non-narcotic agents, combinations of the two nearly always produce better pain control than either agent alone. Dose strengths of hydrocodone/APAP start with the number of milligrams of hydrocodone and follow with the acetaminophen dose. The most commonly prescribed strength of hydrocodone/APAP is 7.5/500, with 7.5 mg of Hydrocodone and 500 mg of APAP.

²This combination = 10 mg of Hydrocodone and 500 mg of APAP

³This combination = 10 mg of Hydrocodone and 325 mg of APAP.

⁴Alprazolam, trade name, Xanax, is used to treat anxiety disorders and panic disorder (sudden, unexpected attacks of extreme fear and worry about these attacks). Alprazolam is in a class of medications called benzodiazepines. It works by decreasing abnormal excitement in the brain.

⁵Azithromycin is used to treat certain bacterial infections, such as bronchitis; pneumonia; sexually transmitted diseases (STD); and infections of the ears, lungs, sinuses, skin, throat, and reproductive organs. Azithromycin is in a class of medications called macrolide antibiotics. It works by stopping the growth of bacteria. Antibiotics will not kill viruses that can cause colds, flu, or other infections.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

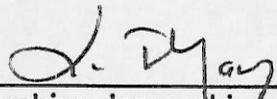
As set forth above, the Board hereby Orders, that the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician in Maryland held by **SHEENA COLLINS**, the Respondent, be and is **REVOKED**, and that this Order is public, pursuant to §10-617(h), Md. State Govt. Code Ann. (2009 Repl. Vol.).

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 in accordance with the *aforecited* authority.

Date

2/18/2015



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