

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**RICHARD HILLER, R.Ph.**  
**License No.:10814**  
**Respondent**

**\* BEFORE THE**  
**\* STATE BOARD**  
**\* OF**  
**\* PHARMACY**  
**\* Case No. 19-068**

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. (SG) §10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the license to practice as a pharmacist in Maryland issued to **RICHARD HILLER, R.Ph.**, (the "Respondent"), **License No. 10814**, under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (Health Occ.) §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS<sup>1</sup>**

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacist in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on July 31, 1986. The Respondent's license expired on August 31, 2018.

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<sup>1</sup>The allegations set forth in this Order are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of 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 connection with this action.

2. At all times relevant herein, the Respondent was employed at a pharmacy, hereinafter the “Pharmacy”<sup>2</sup>, in Towson in Baltimore County, Maryland.

3. On August 24, 2018, the Respondent pled guilty in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland to conspiracy to distribute oxycodone and distributing oxycodone<sup>3</sup>.

4. The Stipulation of Facts to that plea include the following:

- A. Between January 2014 and February 2017, the [Respondent] agreed with at least one other person to distribute mixtures or substances containing oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance;
- B. During the course of the conspiracy, the [Respondent] began to fill fraudulent prescriptions for 15 mg oxycodone pills uttered by several women in return for sexual favors;
- C. On numerous occasions, between January 2014 and February 2017, two women would come to the Pharmacy and the Respondent would make them perform sexual intercourse or other sexual acts in the rear area of the pharmacy prior to filling fake prescriptions for oxycodone;
- D. The [Respondent] filled the prescriptions knowing they were fraudulent and outside the usual course of professional practice. In an effort to hide the conspiracy, the fake prescriptions uttered by one of the women would often use multiple names, including fake names and those of family

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<sup>2</sup> To protect confidentiality, names of facilities and individuals will not be disclosed in this document.

<sup>3</sup> Oxycodone is an opioid pain medication, sometimes called a narcotic. Oxycodone is used to treat moderate to severe pain.

members who never used the Pharmacy. Both of the women were addicted to oxycodone;

E. On February 6, 2017, the [Respondent] knowingly filled a fraudulent prescription for 240, 15 mg oxycodone pills for one of the women;

F. Also, starting in 2014, the [Respondent] begin to distribute oxycodone to a third woman outside the usual course of his professional practice. In return for distributing oxycodone to her, often without any valid prescription to cover them, the [Respondent] would ask the woman to send him nude photographs and sexual videos of herself and allow him to grope and kiss her. That woman would sometimes use her real first name to obtain oxycodone prescriptions from one doctor and then use her middle name as her first name to simultaneously obtain oxycodone prescriptions from a second doctor.

G. The [Respondent] would then fill both prescriptions knowing that they had been fraudulently obtained. At one point, when the third woman rejected one of the Respondent's advances, the [Respondent] called her doctors to notify them that she was fraudulently obtaining prescriptions from both of them;

H. The conspiracy distributed approximately 20,500, 15 mg oxycodone pills.

5. The Respondent was subsequently arrested, pled guilty, as set forth above, and will be sentenced on November 15, 2018.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to SG §10-226 (c) (2).


**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board, by authority granted to the Board by SG §10-226(c) (2), the license held by **RICHARD HILLER, R.Ph.** the Respondent, to practice pharmacy in Maryland, License No. 10814, 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.; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board his wall certificate and wallet-sized license to practice as a pharmacist 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. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101, *et seq.* (2014 Vol. and 2017 Supp.).

  
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Deena Speights-Napata, 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.