IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE

JAZZMINE ANDERSON, PHARM TECH

STATE BOARD

Registration Number: T16514

OF

Respondent

PHARMACY

Case Number: PT-17-022

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't II ("SG") §10-226 (c)(2)(2014Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician ("Pharm Tech") in Maryland issued to JAZZMINE ANDERSON (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II §§ 12-101 et seq. (2014 Repl. Vol.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to the Board, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to the Board, including the instances described below, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:1

At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as 1. a Pharmacy Technician in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on August 11, 2015. The Respondent's registration expired on December 31, 2016.

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the summary suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered again the Respondent in connection with this matter.

- At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharmacy Technician at a pharmacy (the "Pharmacy") in Baltimore County, Maryland.
 The Respondent began working at the pharmacy on or about August 4, 2016.
- 3. On or about January 27, 2017, the Board received a complaint from a detective (the "Detective") from the Baltimore County Police Department's Pharmaceutical Diversion Team, which stated, *inter alia*:
 - A. On January 10, 2017, the Pharmacy's Asset Protection Manager contacted the Detective and advised him that the Respondent stole a bottle of Promethazine with Codeine² and Oxycodone³ pills while working on December 28, 2016;
 - B. The Asset Protection Manager further informed the Detective that, when caught trying to dispose of the Promethazine, the Respondent admitted that she had also stolen 70 Oxycodone pills of varying strengths (i.e., 10 mg, 15 mg and 30 mg) in the past;
 - C. The Respondent admitted to these thefts orally and in writing. As a result of the thefts, the Respondent was terminated from employment from the pharmacy on December 28, 2016.
- 4. As a result of the thefts, the Respondent was charged in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County with the following:

Count 1: CDS Possession w/Intent to Distribute;

Count 2: CDS Possession w/Intent to Distribute--not Marijuana;

²Codeine is a narcotic used as a pain reliever and a cough suppressant. Promethazine is an antihistamine which blocks the effects of the naturally occurring chemical histamine in the body. The combination of codeine and promethazine is used to treat cold or allergy symptoms, such as runny nose, sneezing, and cough.

³Oxycodone is an opioid, Schedule II medication used to treat moderate to severe pain.

Count 3:

CDS Possession-not Marijuana

Count 4:

CDS Possession-not Marijuana;

Count 5:

Theft Less \$100.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., St. Gov't II §10-226(c)(2)(2014 Repl. Vol.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this <u>9</u> h day of <u>March</u>, 2017, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by Md. Code Ann., St. Gov't II §10-226(c)(2)(2014 Repl. Vol.), the registration held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T16514, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is 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 regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a Pharm Tech and the danger to the public; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board her wall certificate and wallet-sized registration to practice as a Pharm Tech issued by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this document constitutes an Order of the Board and is a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 et seq. (2014 Vol.).

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.