

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
BECKY RIDEN, Pharm Tech	*	STATE BOARD
Registration No.: T03064	*	OF
Respondent	*	PHARMACY
	*	Case No. PT-13-038/13-238
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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt (SG) Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to **BECKY RIDEN**, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-101 , et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on October 7, 2008. The Respondent's registration expires on October 31, 2013.
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm Tech at a pharmacy in Cumberland, Maryland, hereinafter "Pharmacy A."
3. On or about June 10, 2013, the Pharmacist-In-Charge (PIC) at Pharmacy A began an inventory of Schedule II controlled substances for the purposes of ordering for the upcoming week. When he left the area where the Schedule IIs were located, he

noted that there was a full and a partial bottle of Oxycodone, 15 mg, tablets. Because he made an error while entering data in the computer, he returned to the Schedule II area, where he noticed that where there had once been two bottles of Oxycodone, there was only one partial bottle. Upon inquiring about the fill orders from a Pharm Tech, it was determined that no orders for Oxycodone had been or were in the process of being filled.

4. After finding out that the Techs indicated that there were no Oxycodone orders waiting to be filled, the PIC checked the counter-tops, bins and trash cans; he located the empty bottle of Oxycodone 15, mg in the trash can next to the controlled substance filling area. At the end of the shift, he removed the trash can from the work area and put it into a safe cabinet and removed the partial bottle of Oxycodone, 15 mg tablets and placed them in a zippered bag in the same place as the trash can.

5. A review of an in-store video confirmed the theft of the pills; the Respondent was the one who removed the full bottle from the shelf. Once additional management confronted the Respondent, she denied taking the pills, even though no orders for Oxycodone had been ordered for several days prior to the incident. It was determined that 114 Oxycodone, 15 mg pills were missing.

6. As a result of the above, a DEA report of theft/loss was filed, the County Police were contacted, and the Respondent's employment was terminated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c)(2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.).

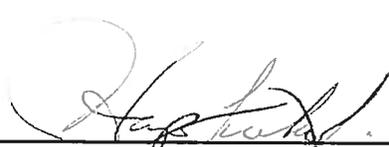
ORDER

Based on the foregoing , it is therefore this 21st day of August, 2013, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted by the Board by Md. St. Govt. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.), the registration held by the Becky Riden to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T03064, 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, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a Pharm Tech and the danger to the public; and be it 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 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. State Gov't Code Ann. §10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2012 Supp.).



Laverne G. Naesee, Executive Director
Board of Pharmacy

HARRY FINKE JR SECRETARY
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.