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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF **DIA W. WOODFORD** Registration No. 28RW01780000 TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dia W. Woodford ("Respondent") was registered as a pharmacy technician in the State of New Jersey on June 7, 2012 and has been registered at all times relevant hereto.

2. On August 31, 2012, Respondent made a voluntary statement to her employer, CVS Pharmacy. In this signed and witnessed statement, Respondent admitted to stealing drugs from her employer

between March 2012 and August 27 or 28, 2012. She estimated that during this period she stole approximately 25 bottles of Suboxone, 2 bottles of Xanax, 1 bottle of Alprazolam, 4 bottles of Promethazine-Codeine, 4 to 5 packs of Tri-Sprintec, 50 pills of Hydrocodone, and 30 pills of Vicodin. She also admitted she sold the drugs for profit. Respondent stated she would be willing to reimburse CVS for its losses in the amount of $11,178.62.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's removal of drugs, including controlled dangerous substances, from her employer pharmacy without authorization and for distribution provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (e), and (f), in that Respondent has engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, deception, and misrepresentation; in professional misconduct; and in acts constituting a crime or offense of moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking the suspension of Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of New Jersey was entered on March 25, 2013. A copy was forwarded to Respondent's last known address of record by means of both regular and certified mail. The regular mailing was not returned; and the certified mail was delivered by USPS. The Provisional Order was

subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Because the Order was forwarded to Respondent's address of record, the Board deems service to have been effected. Respondent cannot evade service by failing to provide the Board with valid address or failing to respond. To date, Respondent has not submitted a response to the Provisional Order. The Board further determined inasmuch as no discrepancies have been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, no further proceedings are necessary and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS, on this 6th **day of** JUNE, **2013, ORDERED THAT:**

1. Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician is hereby suspended for a minimum of five (5) years.

2. Respondent shall refrain from engaging in practice as a pharmacy technician and shall not represent herself as a pharmacy technician until such time as her registration is reinstated. Any

practice in this State prior to such reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

3. Prior to the Board's consideration of any petition for reinstatement of her registration, Respondent shall:

a) Appear before the Board or a committee thereof, if so requested, to discuss her readiness to re-enter practice as a pharmacy technician. At that time Respondent shall be prepared to propose her plans for future practice in New Jersey and demonstrate she is fit and competent to practice and has been rehabilitated to the Board's satisfaction.

b) Provide the Board with documentation of her successful completion of a PRIM~E or ProBE ethics course.

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