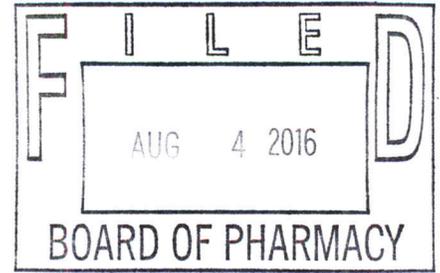


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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR :
REVOCAION OF THE REGISTRATION OF :
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Alexis M. Vega : ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
Registration No. 28RW02176900 :
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FINAL ORDER OF
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DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACY :
TECHNICIAN IN THE STATE :
OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy (the "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. Alexis Vega ("Respondent") is a registered pharmacy technician in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. The Board received a criminal flagging notice indicating that Respondent was arrested on October 15, 2015 by the Haddon

Township Police Department for violating N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3A Theft of moveable property and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1) Possession of controlled dangerous substance or analog.

3. Respondent admitted that she had stolen controlled dangerous substances medications and was charged with one count of theft of movable property for unlawfully taking or exercising control over certain movable property, to wit, prescription medication Xanax, Promethazine with codeine syrup, Ambien, Valium, Tylenol 3, Percocet and Oxycodone, belonging to CVS Pharmacy, while she was on duty as Pharmacist Technician, with the intent to deprive the CVS Pharmacy thereof, specifically by taking the listed medication from the store without authorization, for personal use and sale to others. Respondent was also charged with four counts of Possession of controlled dangerous substances or analog for knowingly or purposely obtaining or possessing a controlled dangerous substance or analog, to wit, Oxycodone, that was not obtained directly from a practitioner or under valid prescription issued by a practitioner, specifically by taking medication from the CVS Pharmacy without a valid prescription.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board finds that Respondent's admitted theft of controlled dangerous substances provides grounds to take

disciplinary action against Respondent's registration 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 and/or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board.

DISCUSSION

By Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") entered on March 24, 2016, the Attorney General sought the suspension of Alexis M. Vega's ("Respondent") registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of New Jersey until such time as she cooperated with the Board investigation by answering an inquiry into her arrest on October 15, 2015 by the Haddon Township Police Department for theft of moveable property, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3A and possession of controlled dangerous substance or analog, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1). A copy of the POD is attached for your convenience.

The order provided that it would be subject to finalization by the Board on the 30th day following its entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request 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 her request for consideration. Copies of the Provisional Order were mailed to Respondent via certified and regular mail, return receipt requested, to her address of record. The certified mailing was returned, cited as "return to sender, unclaimed, unable to forward."

To date, Respondent has not submitted a response to the Provisional Order. Because the Order was sent to the correct address of record, the Board deems service to have been effective. Respondent cannot evade service by failing to provide the Board with a valid address or failing to respond. The Board further determined that 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 4th day of August, 2016,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician is suspended for a minimum period of five (5) years from the entry date of this Order, and until further Order of the Board.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from

engaging in practice as a pharmacy technician, which includes, but is not limited to the following: Respondent shall not retrieve prescription files or patient files; shall not prepare medication labels; shall not engage in data entry for any pharmacy, shall not count, weigh, measure, pour or compound prescription medication or stock legend drugs and controlled substances; shall not fill an automated medication system; shall not accept authorization for a prescription refill or renewal; shall not handle anything requiring prescription, including devices and medications; Respondent shall not handle prescriptions; and shall not be present within a prescription filling area of a pharmacy.

3. Respondent shall immediately surrender her original registration to the Executive Director of the Board by mailing same to Anthony Rubinaccio, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, P.O. Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. Prior to any restoration of registration, Respondent shall:

a. Appear before the Board or a committee thereof 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 evidence of rehabilitation to the Board's

satisfaction.

b. Affirmatively establish her fitness, competence and capacity to re-enter the active practice of pharmacy technician.

c. Provide the Board with a full account of her conduct during the intervening period of time from the entry of this Order to her appearance pursuant to this Order.

d. Provide documentation of successful completion of all application requirements including a Criminal History Background Check and payment of all reinstatement fees.

e. Provide documentation of successful completion of all criminal sentencing terms (if any) including payment of fines.

5. If Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician is reinstated, the Board, in its discretion, may impose any conditions or restrictions it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
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