

IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE BOARD

PATRICIA ANSA, P.D.

* OF PHARMACY

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**ORDER FOR EMERGENCY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSE AS A PHARMACIST**

Based on information received and reviewed by the Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") regarding the practice of **PATRICIA ANSA, P.D.**, (the "Respondent"), the Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY ACTION

Based upon information known and available to it, the Board has reason to believe that:

1. Respondent was and is licensed as a pharmacist in Maryland.
2. During the year prior to May 12, 1988, Respondent was employed as a pharmacist by Rite Aid of Maryland and worked at the store located at 408 N. Howard Street, Baltimore, Maryland.
3. On May 12, 1988, the Respondent admitted that she had sold Glutethimide 500 mg tablets (a Schedule III drug) and Promethazine VC with codeine syrup (a Schedule V drug) during the past year to three individuals who no longer had legal prescriptions for these drugs.
4. According to Ms. Ansa, these three individuals paid her two hundred dollars per bottle of 100 Glutethimide 500 mg and fifty dollars per pint of Promethazine VC with Codeine.

5. Although Ms. Ansa charged two hundred dollars per bottle of Glutethimide tablets, she rang up and deposited no more than thirty dollars in Rite Aid's cash register. She then kept the difference.

6. With respect to the Promethazine VC with Codeine, Ms. Ansa charged fifty dollars per pint but rang up and deposited no more than nineteen dollars in the Rite Aid cash register. As with the sale of the Glutethimide, she pocketed the difference.

7. Respondent stated that she needed the money she earned through the illegal sale of these drugs to support her three brothers and sisters in Nigeria.

8. Section 12-311(14) of the Health Occupations Article and Article 27, §286 of the Maryland Annotated Code, prohibit the distribution without a prescription of controlled dangerous substances, including Glutethimide and Promethazine with Codeine.

FINDING IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY ACTION

Based upon the foregoing reasons, the Board finds that the standards for emergency action set forth by State Government Article §10-405(b) have been met and further finds that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires that the Board take the emergency action of summarily suspending the Respondent's license to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to State Government Article, §10-405(b), Annotated Code of Maryland.

ORDER

It is this 6/15 day of June, 1988 by the Board of
Pharmacy

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by State Law Article, §10-405 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that the license of **PATRICIA ANSA** (Respondent) to be a pharmacist in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that on presentation of this Order, Respondent shall immediately deliver to the Investigator of the Investigative Unit of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of Maryland (1) her diploma-sized Certificate of the Board of Pharmacy; (2) her current Department of Health and Mental Hygiene License Renewal Certificate; (3) her current wallet-sized license renewal card, and be it further

ORDERED that, pursuant to State Government Article §10-405(b), a hearing to consider this Order for Emergency Suspension shall be held before the Board within thirty (30) days of the date upon which the Board receives a written request for such a hearing from the Respondent.

Date:

6-15-88

Milton Moskowitz

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Secretary

Board of Pharmacy