

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
JEFFREY LEE RODKEY, P.D. * MARYLAND STATE
LICENSE NO. 10073 * BOARD OF PHARMACY
Respondent *

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ORDER CONTINUING SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(1999), the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") held a show cause hearing on November 20, 2002, to allow the Respondent, Jeffrey Lee Rodkey, P.D., an opportunity to show cause why the summary suspension of his license to practice pharmacy should not be continued. The Respondent failed to appear at the show cause hearing after having been notified of the show cause hearing by certified mail on October 23, 2002. The Board received the return receipt from the certified mail on October 29, 2002. The Board proceeded with the show cause hearing by permitting the Administrative Prosecutor to present the State's case for the record.

The Board hereby continues the summary suspension of the license to practice pharmacy issued to Jeffrey Lee Rodkey, P.D. This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

Findings

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice pharmacy in Maryland. The Respondent was first licensed on August 5, 1983. At all times relevant herein, the Respondent was employed at Peninsula Regional Medical Center located in Salisbury, Maryland, and Rite Aid Pharmacy located in Princess Anne, Maryland.

2. On or about September 24, 2002, the Respondent was charged in Worcester County, Maryland, with one count of manslaughter in violation of Md. Code Ann., art 27 § 387; one count of reckless endangerment in violation of Md. Code Ann. art. 27 § 12A2; one count of distribution of a controlled dangerous substance of Schedule III, to wit: Vicodin, in violation of Md. Code Ann. art. 27 § 286(a)(1); and one count of distribution of a controlled dangerous substance Schedule III, to wit: Soma, in violation of Md. Code Ann. art. 27 §286(a)(1).

3. The Application for Statement of Charges and the Statement of Charges, both dated September 24, 2002, and the written statement of Jeff Rodkey, dated September 4, 2002, (together admitted as State's Ex. 1), set forth the following facts:

a. On September 4, 2002, Worcester County police were called to Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, Maryland, to investigate a suspected drug overdose that resulted in the death of the Respondent's wife.

b. Subsequently, the Respondent was interviewed by Detective Mumford of the Worcester County police. The Respondent signed a written statement as a result of the police interview in which the Respondent admitted to stealing five (5) Vicodin 10 mg and three (3) Soma 350 mg at his wife's insistence while working at Rite Aid on September 3, 2002. The Respondent gave the Vicodin and Soma to his wife later that same evening.

c. The Respondent did not have a prescription from an authorized prescriber to dispense the drugs mentioned above.

d. Several hours later, the Respondent's wife died as a result of a high level of hydrocodone which is the chemical breakdown of Vicodin.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing, the Board concludes that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Article § 10-226(c)(2)(1999).

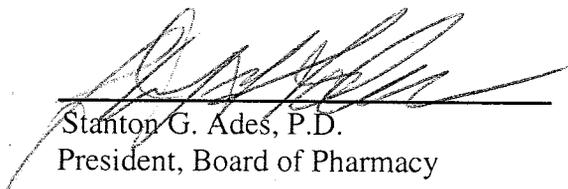
ORDER

Based on the foregoing, on this 30th day of December, 2002, by a unanimous vote of a quorum of the Board, by authority granted to the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Art. § 10-226(c)(2)(1999), it is hereby,

ORDERED that the license held by the Respondent, Jeffrey Lee Rodkey, to practice pharmacy in Maryland, License No. 10073, shall continue to be **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is document constitutes a final order of the State Board of Pharmacy and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Art., §§10-617(h)(1999).

12/30/02
Date


Stanton G. Ades, P.D.
President, Board of Pharmacy