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## ORDER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

(Docket No. D-050928-034)

In The Matter Of:

### **CHRISTOPHER M. LANGFORD**

2801 Merrimac Street

Toledo, Ohio 43606

### INTRODUCTION

THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER M. LANGFORD CAME FOR HEARING ON MARCH 8, 2006, BEFORE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: SUZANNE R. EASTMAN, R.Ph. (presiding); GREGORY BRAYLOCK, R.Ph.; ROBERT P. GIACALONE, R.Ph.; ELIZABETH I. GREGG, R.Ph.; LAWRENCE J. KOST, R.Ph.; KEVIN J. MITCHELL, R.Ph.; DOROTHY S. TEATER, PUBLIC MEMBER; AND JAMES E. TURNER, R.Ph.

CHRISTOPHER M. LANGFORD WAS NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL. THE STATE OF OHIO WAS REPRESENTED BY SALLY ANN STEUK, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

### SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

#### State's Witness

1. Joseph Reichert, R.Ph., Ohio State Board of Pharmacy

#### Respondent's Witness

1. Christopher Michael Langford, Respondent

#### State's Exhibits

1. Notice of Opportunity For Hearing letter [09-28-05]  
1A-1B. Procedurals  
1C. Addendum Notice [01-31-06]  
1D-1E. Procedurals
2. Application for Pharmacy Intern Registration submitted by Christopher Michael Langford [10-18-04]
3. Notarized Statement of Chris Langford [07-18-05]
4. Rite Aid Corporation Letter of Explanation of Chris Langford [03-10-05]
5. Statement of Matt Morgan [06-24-05]
6. Statement of Chuck Stainfield [06-08-05]
7. Complaint; State of Ohio/City of Toledo vs. Christopher M. Langford, Case No. CRB-04-18624-0101, Toledo Municipal Court [09-18-04]; Certified Journal Report [06-29-05]; Toledo Ohio Police Department Crime Report [09-18-04]
8. Defendant History of Christopher Langford [07-21-05]; Register of Actions, State of Michigan v. Christopher Michael Langford, 1st Judicial District, Case No. 98Y010142A [12-17-98] Register of Actions, State of Michigan v. Christopher Michael Langford, 1st Judicial District, Case No. 001185 [02-24-00]; Register of Actions, State of Michigan v.

Christopher Michael Langford, 1st Judicial District, Case No. 004505 [06-07-00]; Register of Actions, State of Michigan v. Christopher Michael Langford, 1st Judicial District, Case No. 005611 [01-12-01]

9. Statement of Jennifer S. Martin, Pharm.D. [07-20-05]
10. Mercy Memorial Hospital Record of Disciplinary Action [06-06-05]
11. Mercy Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Department Notes [06-01-05]
12. Indictment, State of Ohio vs. Christopher M. Langford, Case No. G-4801-CR-0200502709-000, Lucas County Common Pleas Court [08-11-05]; Order [10-27-05]

#### Respondent's Exhibits

- A. Letter from Julie Domschot, BA, CDCA [03-02-06]
- B. Letter from Gretchen T. Thomas, LCDC II [03-02-06]
- C. Certificate of Achievement from New Concepts Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program [03-07-06]

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

After having heard the testimony, observed the demeanor of the witnesses, considered the evidence, and weighed the credibility of each, the State Board of Pharmacy finds the following to be fact:

- (1) Records of the Board of Pharmacy indicate that Christopher M. Langford was originally licensed by the State of Ohio as a Pharmacy Intern on October 18, 2004.
- (2) Christopher Langford is addicted to or abusing drugs and/or impaired physically or mentally to such a degree as to render him unfit to practice pharmacy, to wit: while practicing as a pharmacy intern, Christopher M. Langford has been observed acting as if he were impaired; Christopher M. Langford has been aggressive and rude to pharmacy technicians; Christopher M. Langford has shown signs of drunkenness, smelling like alcohol, having bloodshot eyes and slurred speech; and, Christopher M. Langford has admitted to stealing dangerous drugs for his own use. Christopher M. Langford has also appeared unsteady in his walk and once "drooped over the cash register" as if he were falling asleep. On or about September 20, 2004, Christopher M. Langford was convicted of Disorderly Conduct due to intoxication. City of Toledo vs. Christopher M. Langford, Case No. CRB-04-18624-0101, Toledo Municipal Court. Christopher M. Langford was once sent home from the pharmacy for being unable to concentrate, being either too tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Christopher M. Langford was once hospitalized for a drug overdose. Such conduct indicates that Christopher M. Langford is within the ambit of Sections 3719.121 and/or 4729.16(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (3) Christopher M. Langford did, on or about October 18, 2004, knowingly make a false statement with purpose to secure the issuance of a license or registration, to wit: Christopher M. Langford indicated on his pharmacist intern application that he had not been charged with a crime when in fact he had been charged with a misdemeanor less than one month prior to filling out his application; further, Christopher M. Langford failed to indicate that he had been convicted of several alcohol or drug-related crimes, and he lied to the Board agents who interviewed him about his conduct. Such conduct is in violation of Section 2921.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- (4) Christopher M. Langford did, on or about June 1, 2005, knowingly possess and/or use a controlled substance when the conduct was not in accordance with Chapters 3719., 4729., and 4731. of the Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Christopher M. Langford admittedly possessed and/or ingested Soma along with Valium 10 mg, Xanax, and Tylenol #2. While working at Mercy Hospital in Monroe Michigan, Christopher M. Langford overdosed on drugs; drug screens performed at the hospital confirmed the presence of opiates, benzodiazepines, and carisoprodol. Such conduct is in violation of Section 2925.11 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (5) Christopher M. Langford did, on or about January 15, 2005, with purpose to deprive, knowingly obtain or exert control over dangerous drugs, the property of Rite Aid, beyond the scope of express or implied consent, to wit: Christopher M. Langford admittedly stole 10 tablets of hydromorphone 2 mg from his employer. Such conduct is in violation of Section 2913.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (6) On October 21, 2005, Christopher M. Langford pled guilty to one (1) count of Theft of Drugs, a felony of the fourth degree under Section 2913.02(A)(1) & (B)(6) of the Ohio Revised Code. On the same date, Christopher M. Langford was granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction. State of Ohio vs. Christopher M. Langford, Case No. G-4801-CR-200502709, Lucas County Common Pleas Court. Such conduct indicates that Christopher M. Langford is guilty of a felony or gross immorality and/or addicted to or abusing drugs to such a degree as to render him unfit to practice pharmacy within the meaning of Section 4729.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- (1) The State Board of Pharmacy concludes that paragraphs (4) through (6) of the Findings of Fact constitutes being guilty of a felony and gross immorality as provided in Division (A)(1) of Section 4729.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (2) The State Board of Pharmacy concludes that paragraph (3) through (5) of the Findings of Fact constitutes being guilty of dishonesty and unprofessional conduct in the practice of pharmacy as provided in Division (A)(2) of Section 4729.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (3) The State Board of Pharmacy concludes that paragraph (2) of the Findings of Fact constitutes being addicted to or abusing liquor or drugs or impaired physically or mentally to such a degree as to render him unfit to practice pharmacy as provided in Division (A)(3) of Section 4729.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (4) The State Board of Pharmacy concludes that paragraph (4) of the Findings of Fact constitutes being guilty of willfully violating, conspiring to violate, attempting to violate, or aiding and abetting the violation of provisions of Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code as provided in Division (A)(5) of Section 4729.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

#### DECISION OF THE BOARD

Pursuant to Section 4729.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, and after consideration of the record as a whole, the State Board of Pharmacy adjudicates the matter of Christopher M. Langford as follows:

- (A) On the basis of the Findings of Fact and paragraph (1) of the Conclusions of Law set forth above, the State Board of Pharmacy hereby revokes permanently the pharmacist identification card, No. 06-0-05191, held by Christopher M. Langford effective as of the date of the mailing of this Order.
- (B) On the basis of the Findings of Fact and paragraph (2) of the Conclusions of Law set forth above, the State Board of Pharmacy hereby revokes permanently the pharmacy intern identification card, No. 06-0-05191, held by Christopher M. Langford effective as of the date of the mailing of this Order.
- (C) On the basis of the Findings of Fact and paragraph (3) of the Conclusions of Law set forth above, the State Board of Pharmacy hereby revokes permanently the pharmacy intern identification card, No. 06-0-05191, held by Christopher M. Langford effective as of the date of the mailing of this Order.
- (D) On the basis of the Findings of Fact and paragraph (4) of the Conclusions of Law set forth above, the State Board of Pharmacy hereby revokes permanently the pharmacy intern identification card, No. 06-0-05191, held by Christopher M. Langford effective as of the date of the mailing of this Order

Pursuant to Section 4729.16(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, Christopher M. Langford must return his identification card and license (wall certificate) to the office of the State Board of Pharmacy within ten days after receipt of this Order unless the Board office is already in possession of both. The identification card and wall certificate should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

THIS ORDER WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY (Aye-6/Nay-1).

MOTION CARRIED.

SO ORDERED.

It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is a copy of the Order entered upon its journal in this case.

Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes an appeal from this Order. An order that denied admission to an examination, or denied the issuance or renewal of a license or registration, or revoked or suspended a license, may be appealed to the court of common pleas in the Ohio county of your place of business or in your Ohio county of residence. Any other order may be appealed to the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Ohio.

Such an appeal, setting forth the order appealed from and the grounds of the appeal, must be commenced by filing the original Notice of Appeal with the State Board of Pharmacy and a copy with the appropriate court within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this Order and in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BY ORDER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

ORDER MAILED & EFFECTIVE: APRIL 7, 2006

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William T. Winsley, M.S., R.Ph., Executive Director

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CC: Sally Ann Steuk, Assistant Attorney General