



IN THE MATTER OF:

Case No. A-2023-0383

Colt Edwards
1156 Trails Edge Drive
Hubbard, OH 44425

Surrendered License No. 03-443020

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY

This Settlement Agreement (Agreement) is entered into by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy (Board) and Colt Edwards, for the purpose of resolving all issues between the parties relating to Mr. Edwards' theft of controlled substances. Together, the Board and Colt Edwards are referred to hereinafter as "the parties."

JURISDICTION

1. Pursuant to Section 4729.16 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder, the Board has the authority to suspend, revoke, or refuse to grant or renew any license issued pursuant to Sections 4729.07 and 4729.08 of the Ohio Revised Code to practice pharmacy in the state of Ohio.
2. Colt Edwards was an Ohio-licensed pharmacist under license number 03-443020.

FACTS

1. The Board initiated an investigation of Colt Edwards, pharmacist license number 03-443020, related to Colt Edwards's theft of controlled substances from his employer Walgreens #04397.
2. The Board issued a Summary Suspension/Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Colt Edwards on September 28, 2023.
3. On or about June 23, 2025, Colt Edwards, as part of a plea agreement in State of Ohio vs. Colt Edwards, case number 2024 CR 225, Mahoning County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, agreed to voluntarily surrender his license to practice pharmacy in the state of Ohio, license number 03-443020.

WHEREFORE, the parties desire to resolve the issues relating to the above-referenced findings without resorting to further administrative proceedings.

TERMS

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein expressed, the parties knowingly and voluntarily agree as follows:

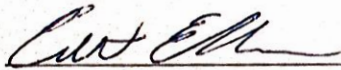
1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated in this Settlement Agreement as though fully set forth herein.
2. Colt Edwards neither admits nor denies the allegations stated in the Summary Suspension/Notice of Opportunity for Hearing letter dated September 28, 2023; however, the Board has evidence sufficient to sustain the allegations, finds them to violate Ohio's pharmacy law as set forth in the Notice, and hereby adjudicates the same.
3. **Colt Edwards agrees to permanently and voluntarily surrender to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy his license to practice pharmacy, license no. 03-443020, with discipline pending.**
4. **Colt Edwards agrees not to reapply for any license or registration over which the Ohio Board of Pharmacy has jurisdiction, including those set forth in Chapters 3719., 3796., 4729. or 4752. of the Revised Code.**
5. Colt Edwards agrees to pay all reasonable costs associated with the collection of any payment, and of the prosecution of any violation of this Agreement.
6. Colt Edwards understands that he has the right to be represented by counsel for review and execution of this agreement.
7. Colt Edwards agrees and acknowledges that this Board disciplinary action must be disclosed to the proper licensing authority of any state or jurisdiction in which he currently holds a professional license.
8. Colt Edwards expressly waives the requirements of Chapter 119. of the Ohio Administrative Code, including his right to notice of an opportunity for hearing as set forth in Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, his opportunity to be heard pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, and further, waives any right to an appeal.
9. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts or facsimiles, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
10. All parties to this Agreement understand that this document is a public record pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43.
11. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Agreement.

12. If any of the provisions, terms, or clauses of this Agreement are declared illegal, unenforceable, or ineffective by an authority of competent jurisdiction, those provisions, terms, and clauses shall be deemed severable, such that all other provisions, terms, and clauses of this Agreement shall remain valid and binding upon both Parties.

13. This Agreement shall become effective upon the date of the Board President's signature below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have executed it and/or cause it to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Approved by:



Colt Edwards, Respondent

7/16/2025

Date of Signature



Bruce L. Castor, III
Attorney for Respondent

7/17/2025

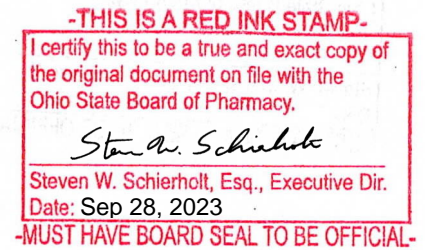
Date of Signature



Jeff Huston, R.Ph., President
State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy

7.21.2025

Date of Signature



SUMMARY SUSPENSION/NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. A-2023-0383

Colt Edwards, RPh
1156 Trails Edge Drive
Hubbard, OH 44425

SUSPENDED License No. 03-443020

September 28, 2023

Dear Mr. Colt Edwards, RPh:

You are hereby notified, in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Revised Code, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy (Board) hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDS your Ohio license as a pharmacist, License No. 03-443020, under authority of Sections 3719.121 and 4729.16 of the Revised Code.

PURSUANT TO RULE 4729:1-1-01(T) OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, DURING THIS TERM OF SUSPENSION YOU MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED BY OR WORK IN ANY FACILITY LICENSED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY. THIS SUSPENSION SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL A FINAL ADJUDICATION ORDER BECOMES EFFECTIVE, DURING WHICH TIME YOU MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.

JURISDICTION

1. Records of the Board indicate you are currently licensed to practice pharmacy in the State of Ohio under license number 03-443020.
2. The Board has the authority to pursue a summary suspension of a pharmacist's license pursuant to Section 3719.121 and discipline of a pharmacist license pursuant to Section 4729.16 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC).
3. The Board is required suspend a license of a pharmacist who is or becomes addicted to the use of controlled substances until the person offers satisfactory proof to the board that the person no longer is addicted to the use of controlled substances. ORC Section 3719.121(A).
4. The Board may suspend the license of a pharmacist if there is clear and convincing evidence that continuation of the person's professional practice or method of administering, prescribing, preparing, distributing, dispensing, or personally furnishing controlled substances or other dangerous drugs presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to others. ORC Section 3719.121(B).
5. Colt Edwards was listed as the Responsible Person at Walgreens #04397, from on or about July 11, 2023 through the issuance of this notice letter.

77 South High Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215



ALLEGATIONS

1. From on or about June 1, 2023, to on or about September 14, 2023, you stole dangerous drugs from your employer, Walgreens #04397, located at 7295 Market Street, Boardman, Ohio. You stole the following dangerous drugs:
 - a. Zolpidem, 10mg tablets, a Schedule IV controlled substance.
 - b. Tramadol, tablets, a Schedule IV controlled substance.
 - c. Hydrocodone/acetaminophen, 7.5mg liquid, a Schedule II controlled substance.
2. From on or about June 1, 2023, to on or about September 14, 2023, you stole merchandise, including protein bars, condoms, non-alcoholic beverages, and over-the-counter drugs from your employer, Walgreens #04397.
3. On or about September 14, 2023, you were interviewed by a member of the Walgreens' Asset Protection Team. You made the following statements:
 - a. You admitted you stole store merchandise, including protein bars, condoms, non-alcoholic beverages, and over-the-counter drugs from your employer, Walgreens #04397.
 - b. You admitted you stole Zolpidem 10mg tablets, Tramadol tablets, and hydrocodone/acetaminophen 7.5mg liquid.
 - c. You admitted you were currently in addiction services.

POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. Such conduct as set forth in paragraphs (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c), and (3)(b) of the Allegations Section, if proven, constitutes a violation of Section 2913.02 of the ORC, theft of a dangerous drug, each a felony of the fourth degree, punishable by a maximum fine of \$5,000.
2. Such conduct as set forth in paragraphs (1)(c), and (3)(b) of the Allegations Section, if proven, constitutes a violation of Section 2925.11(A) of the ORC, aggravated possession of controlled substances, each a felony of the fifth degree, punishable by a maximum fine of \$2,500.
3. Such conduct as set forth in paragraphs (1)(a), (1)(b), and (3)(b) of the Allegations Section, if proven, constitutes a violation of Section 2925.11(A) of the ORC, possession of controlled substances, each a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000.
4. Such conduct as set forth in paragraphs (2) and (3)(a) of the Allegations Section, if proven, constitutes a violation of 2913.02 of the ORC, theft, each a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000.

5. Such conduct as set forth in the Allegations Section, if proven, constitutes a violation of the following divisions of (A) of section 4729.16 of the ORC effective as of April 6, 2023, each violation constituting a minor misdemeanor, each punishable by a maximum penalty of \$150:
 - a. Engaged in dishonesty or unprofessional conduct in the practice of pharmacy, ORC 4729.16 Section (A)(2)(b); and/or
 - b. Is addicted to or abusing alcohol or drugs or is impaired physically or mentally to such a degree as to render the pharmacist unfit to practice pharmacy, ORC Section 4729.16(A)(2)(c); and/or
 - c. Violated, conspired to violate, attempted to violate, or aided and abetted the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, sections 3715.52 to 3715.72 of the Revised Code, Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, or any rule adopted by the board under those provisions, ORC 4729.16(A)(2)(e); and/or
 - d. Engaged in any other conduct for which the board may impose discipline as set forth in rules adopted under section 4729.26 of the Revised Code, ORC Section 4729.16(A)(2)(l).
6. Such conduct as set forth in the Allegations Section, if proven, each constitutes a violation of each of the following divisions of Rule 4729:1-4-01(B)(2) of the OAC as effective April 25, 2022, each violation punishable by a maximum penalty of \$500:
 - a. Engaged in dishonesty or unprofessional conduct in the practice of pharmacy, OAC Rule 4729:1-4-01(B)(2)(b); and/or
 - b. Is addicted to or abusing alcohol or drugs or is impaired physically or mentally to such a degree as to render the pharmacist unfit to practice pharmacy, OAC Rule 4729:1-4-01(B)(2)(c); and/or
 - c. Violated, conspired to violate, attempted to violate, or aided and abetted the violation of any of the provisions of Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code, sections 3715.52 to 3715.72 of the Revised Code, Chapter 2925., 3796., 3719. or 4752. of the Revised Code, or any rule adopted by the board under those provisions, OAC Rule 4729:1-4-01(B)(2)(d); and/or
 - d. Violated any state or federal law, regulation or rule regardless of the jurisdiction in which the acts were committed, except for minor traffic violations such as parking violations, speeding tickets and violations such as failure to obey a red light, failure to use a turn signal or expired vehicle registration, OAC Rule 4729:1-4-01(B)(2)(k); and/or
 - e. Failed to conform to prevailing standards of care of similar pharmacists under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established, OAC Rule 4729:1-4-01(B)(2)(n).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 119. and 4729. of the Ohio Revised Code, that you are entitled to a hearing before the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy, if you request such a hearing within thirty 30 days of the date of the mailing of this notice.

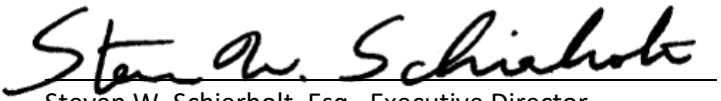
IF YOU DESIRE A HEARING, such request shall either be mailed to the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy, Attn: Legal, 77 South High Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6126 or an e-mail request may be sent to

legal@pharmacy.ohio.gov (please note faxes will not be accepted). **YOUR REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR PRIOR TO THE 30TH DAY FOLLOWING THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE.** Please note that if you submit a request via email, your request will be acknowledged within one business day of receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please contact the Board offices at 614-466-4143 and request the legal department. You may appear at such hearing in person, by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before the agency, or you may present your position, arguments or contentions in writing; and, at this hearing, you may also present evidence and examine any witnesses appearing for and against you.

YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED that if there is no request for such a hearing received by the Board on or prior to the 30th day following the mailing of this notice, the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, upon consideration of the aforementioned allegations against you, may take action without such a hearing, and may adopt a final order that contains the board's findings. In the final order, the board may impose any of the sanctions listed in division RC 4729.16(A).

If you have questions regarding the Chapter 119. Administrative Hearing process, please e-mail your questions to legal@pharmacy.ohio.gov or call the Board office at 614-466-4143 and ask for the legal department.

BY ORDER OF THE STATE OF OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY


Steven W. Schierholt, Esq., Executive Director

SWS/jak/kll

CMRRR: 9414 7118 9956 2070 3792 55

cc: Walgreens #04397, c/o Shannon Bueno, 7295 Market Street, Boardman, OH 44512