

*TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ORDER #A-11-044-A*

RE: IN THE MATTER OF  
SHANTAE YVETTE SHEPARD  
(PHARMACIST LICENSE #40301)

BEFORE THE TEXAS STATE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY

On this day came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter referred to as "BOARD") Disciplinary Panel the matter of the Petition for Temporary Suspension of pharmacist license number 40301, issued to Shantae Yvette Shepard, pursuant to § 565.059 of the Texas Pharmacy Act (hereinafter referred to as "Pharmacy Act"), TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. Subtitle J.

Shantae Yvette Shepard, R.Ph.; and Bassey Akpaffiong, Legal Counsel for Shantae Yvette Shepard, were in attendance. Julie Hildebrand represented BOARD staff. Kerstin E. Arnold served as General Counsel to the BOARD. The following BOARD members served as the Disciplinary Panel: Jeanne D. Waggener, R.Ph.; Joyce A. Tipton, R.Ph.; and Charles F. Wetherbee.

The BOARD Disciplinary Panel determines that Shantae Yvette Shepard, by continuation in practice, would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare, and that pharmacist license number 40301 issued to Shantae Yvette Shepard shall be temporarily suspended in accordance with § 565.059 of the Pharmacy Act. The BOARD Disciplinary Panel makes this finding based on the following evidence and/or information presented at the Hearing on Temporary Suspension of License of Shantae Yvette Shepard:

1. On or about September 6, 2001, Shantae Yvette Shepard was issued Texas pharmacist license number 40301.
2. Shantae Yvette Shepard's license is current until December 31, 2011.

3. Shantae Yvette Shepard's license was in full force and effect at all times and dates material and relevant to this matter.
4. On July 1, 2011, the BOARD, by U.S. First Class and certified mail, return receipt requested, served Shantae Yvette Shepard Notice and Petition for Temporary Suspension of pharmacist license at Ms. Shepard's address of record, proper and timely notice of all matters asserted.
5. Between March 1, 2011, and June 6, 2011, Shantae Yvette Shepard, corporate manager and pharmacist-in-charge of River's Edge Pharmacy, dispensed controlled substances pursuant to approximately 2,736 prescriptions she knew or should have known were invalid. The prescriptions were issued from various pain management clinics by various physicians, or mid-level practitioners acting under a physician's supervision. The prescriptions were written for hydrocodone, carisoprodol, and/or alprazolam for the purported treatment of pain and/or anxiety. Ms. Shepard dispensed the controlled substances pursuant to prescriptions that were invalid because (a) the prescribers issued prescriptions for controlled substances that were not necessary or required for the patients' valid medical need or for a therapeutic purpose; or (b) the prescribers issued the prescriptions outside the usual course of medical practice, in that the prescriber failed to use medical reasoning in issuing the prescriptions.

Subsequent to any proceedings involving the conduct described above, the BOARD may take additional disciplinary action on any criminal action taken by the criminal justice system based on the same conduct described in the allegations above. However, Shantae Yvette Shepard shall be provided all rights of due process should the BOARD initiate such disciplinary action subsequent to the conclusion of the criminal proceedings.

#### **ORDER OF THE BOARD**

THEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the BOARD does hereby ORDER that pharmacist license number 40301 held by Shantae Yvette Shepard (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent") shall be, and such license is hereby temporarily suspended. Said suspension shall be effective immediately and shall continue in effect, pending a

hearing on the suspended license, until further Order of the BOARD. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall:

- (1) not practice pharmacy in this state or have access to prescription drugs during the period pharmacist license number 40301 is suspended; and
- (2) surrender to the BOARD, pharmacist license number 40301 and any renewal certificate and personal identification card pertaining to pharmacist license number 40301 within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the suspension.

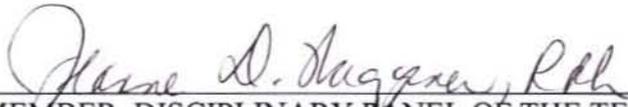
It is finally ORDERED that failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions in this Temporary Suspension Order constitutes a violation and shall be grounds for further disciplinary action against the Texas pharmacist license held by Respondent.

Passed and approved at the Temporary Suspension Hearing of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.

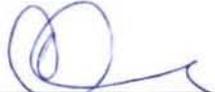
And it is so ORDERED.

THIS ORDER IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.

  
MEMBER, DISCIPLINARY PANEL OF THE TEXAS  
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