

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
IN PHARMACY

In the Matter of )  
Gebeyaw Demeke )  
PH26811 )  
Expires 12/31/2024 )

Docket No. PHA-2022-0184  
CAS-2022-1163

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy ("Board") and Gebeyaw Demeke ("Licensee"), pharmacist licensed by the Board, License No. PH26811, do hereby stipulate and agree that the following information shall be entered into and become a permanent part of the Licensee's record maintained by the Board:

1. The Licensee acknowledges that the Board opened a complaint against their Massachusetts pharmacist license related to the conduct set forth in Paragraph 2, identified as Docket No. PHA-2022-0184 ("the Complaint").<sup>1</sup>
2. The Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this Complaint without making any admissions or findings and without proceeding to a formal adjudicatory hearing. The Complaint alleges the following:
  - a. From on or about January 20, 2022 to on or about September 1, 2022, Licensee was employed as a pharmacist at CVS 261 ("The Pharmacy"), located in Salem, MA.
  - b. On or about September 1, 2022, Licensee admitted to diverting tramadol, zolpidem, and Tylenol from the Pharmacy.
  - c. A review of the Pharmacy's inventory determined a loss of #204 tramadol 50mg tablets, #332 zolpidem 10mg tablets, and #90 Ambien 10mg tablets.
3. The Board and Licensee acknowledge and agree that Licensee's conduct described in Paragraph 2 constitutes a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, §37 and warrants disciplinary action by the Board under M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 42A and 61, 247 CMR 10.03(1)(a), (h), (l) & (x).

<sup>1</sup> The term "license" includes a current license and the right to renew an expired license.

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4. The Licensee agrees to SURRENDER their pharmacist license for an indefinite period of time and refrain from practicing as a pharmacist and from working in any pharmacy-related setting in Massachusetts, commencing with the date on which the Board signs this Agreement ("Effective Date").
5. The Licensee agrees that they will not practice as a pharmacist or work in a pharmacy related setting in Massachusetts from the Effective Date unless and until the Board reinstates their license.<sup>2</sup>
6. The Board agrees that in return for the Licensee's execution of this Agreement it will not prosecute the Complaint.
7. The Licensee understands that they have a right to a formal adjudicatory hearing concerning the allegations against them and that during said adjudication they would possess the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on their own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, to appeal to the courts, and all other rights as set forth in the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act, M.G.L. c. 30A, and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, 801 CMR 1.01 *et seq.* The Licensee further understands that by executing this Agreement they are knowingly and voluntarily waiving their right to a formal adjudication of the Complaint.
8. The Licensee acknowledges that they have been at all times represented by legal counsel in connection with the Complaint and this Agreement / have been at all times free to seek and use legal counsel in connection with the Complaint and this Agreement.
9. The Licensee acknowledges that after the Effective Date, the Agreement constitutes a public record of disciplinary action by the Board. The Board may forward a copy of this Agreement to other licensing boards, law enforcement entities, and other individuals or entities as required or permitted by law.

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<sup>2</sup> The Licensee understands that practice as a licensed pharmacist includes, but is not limited to, seeking and/or accepting a paid or voluntary position as a licensed pharmacist, or a paid or voluntary position requiring that the applicant hold a current pharmacist license. The Licensee further understands that if they accept a voluntary or paid position as a pharmacist, or engages in any practice of pharmacy after the Effective Date and before the Board formally reinstates their license, evidence of such practice shall be grounds for the Board's referral of any such unlicensed practice to the appropriate law enforcement authorities for prosecution.



10. The Licensee certifies that they have read this Agreement. The Licensee understands and agrees that entering into this Agreement is a final act and not subject to reconsideration, appeal, or judicial review.

Alam Tsehay Basa 9-26-23  
Witness (sign and date)

Gebeyaw Demeke 9/26/23  
Licensee (sign and date)

David Sencabaugh MB  
David Sencabaugh, R. Ph.  
Executive Director  
Board of Registration in Pharmacy

10/3/2023

Effective Date

Fully Signed Agreement Sent to Licensee on 10/3/2023 by Certified Mail  
No. 7022 2410 0001 6851 6601 & 7022 2410 0001 6851 6656

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