

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF:
ROGER NORMAND CROTEAU (LICENSE #PH102378)

Summary Suspension

The Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board") has investigated a complaint regarding the professional pharmacy technician activities of Roger Normand Croteau (hereinafter "Respondent"), a pharmacy technician I at Millennium Pharmacy located at 33B Appian Way, Smithfield, Rhode Island.

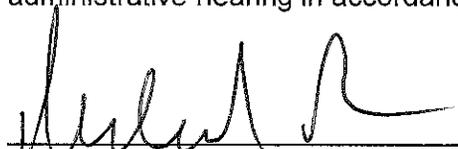
The Board of Pharmacy and the Office of the Director of Health make the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed pharmacy technician I in the State of Rhode Island and holds license number PH102378.
2. Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician I at Millennium Pharmacy located at 33B Appian Way, Smithfield, RI during all relevant times outlined below.
3. The Board conducted an inspection of Millennium Pharmacy on September 6, 2012 and the inspection revealed that Respondent managed pharmacy technicians I and II and directed those employees to perform various activities in violation of RI regulations governing the practice of pharmacy. Respondent performed duties outside the scope of practice for Pharmacy Technician I in violation of R5-19.1PHAR-24.14.
4. On October 1, 2012 Board Inspectors performed an inspection of Millennium Pharmacy where Respondent, and other pharmacy staff members, did obstruct the ability of inspectors to secure samples of potentially misbranded medication in violation of R.I Gen Laws § 21-31-3(6) and R5-19.1PHAR-27.1(8). Eye witness testimony demonstrates Respondent hid and or conspired to hide suspected misbranded medications held in the dispensable inventory, moments prior to Inspectors entering the secured area of the pharmacy.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Roger Normand Croteau as a pharmacy technician I constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the pharmacist technician I license of Roger Normand Croteau is hereby suspended forthwith. Said suspension shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health. Respondent is entitled to an administrative hearing in accordance to R.I. Gen Laws 42-35-14(c).



Michael Fine, MD

Director

Rhode Island Department of Health

10/5/2012
Date

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of this ORDER was hand-delivered to Roger Normand Croteau on this 5th day of October at the following address:

5:25pm

Roger Normand Croteau
33B Appian Way
Smithfield, RI 02917



witness by



At: Thomas J. Coleman #36

witness - Eden Li, intern

