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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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10 11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3357
	JAYNA F. MANTO A C C U S A T I O N
12	aka Jaynalee F. Manto 5737 Everwood Court
13	Richmond, California 94806
14	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 73450
15	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	<u>PARTIES</u>
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
21	2. On or about December 11, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician
22	License Number TCH 73450 to Jayna F. Manto (Respondent). The License was in full force and
23	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein. On or about September 15, 2008, on
24	request from the Board of Pharmacy under Penal Code section 23, an order entered in Contra
25	Costa County Superior Court, Case No. 02-299320-2, prohibited Respondent from continuing to
26	practice as a Pharmacy Technician during the pendency of the criminal and/or subsequent license
27	discipline proceedings, and required Respondent to return all originals and copies of her License
28	to the Roard of Pharmacy. The License will evnire on May 31, 2010, unless renewed

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#### JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].
- 5. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 6. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Section 4402(a) of the Code provides that any pharmacist license that is not renewed within three years following its expiration may not be renewed, restored, or reinstated and shall be canceled by operation of law at the end of the three-year period. Section 4402(e) of the Code provides that any other license issued by the Board may be canceled by the Board if not renewed within 60 days after its expiration, and any license canceled in this fashion may not be reissued but will instead require a new application to seek reissuance.

#### STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 7. Section 4301 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of "unprofessional conduct," defined to include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
- (f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.
- (g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

(l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties

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(i) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United

- (o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.
- 8. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the license.
  - 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by her license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

- 10. Section 4059 of the Code, in pertinent part, prohibits furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous device except upon the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 11. Section 4060 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished upon a valid prescription/drug order.
- 12. Section 4324 of the Code, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful for a person to falsely make, alter, forge, utter, publish, pass, or attempt to pass, as genuine, a prescription for a drug, or to have in his or her possession a drug secured by a forged prescription.
- 13. Health and Safety Code section 11150 provides, in pertinent part, that no person other than an authorized prescriber shall write or issue a prescription.

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- 14. Health and Safety Code section 11157 provides that no person shall issue a prescription that is false or fictitious in any respect.
- 15. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provides that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or herself.
- 16. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), provides that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.
- 17. Health and Safety Code section 11175 makes it unlawful for any person to obtain or possess a prescription that does not comply with the Uniform Controlled Subtances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.], to obtain a controlled substance by means of such non-compliant prescription, or to possess a controlled substance obtained by such a prescription.
- 18. Health and Safety Code section 11350, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess any controlled substance listed in Schedule II (Health and Safety Code section 11055), subdivision (b) or (c), or any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V, absent a valid prescription.
- 19. Health and Safety Code section 11351, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess or purchase for sale, inter alia, any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V.
- 20. Health and Safety Code section 11368, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to forge or alter a prescription, to issue or utter an altered prescription, to issue or utter a prescription bearing a forged or fictitious signature for any narcotic drug, to obtain a narcotic drug by any forged, fictitious, or altered prescription, or to possess any narcotic drug secured by a forged, fictitious, or altered prescription.
- 21. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.

#### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS

22. Section 4021 of the Code states:

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"'Controlled substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code."

23. Section 4022 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"'Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for self use, except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following:

"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import.

"(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."

- 24. **Norco**, **Vicodin**, **Vicodin ES**, **Lortab**, and **Lorcet** are among the brand names for compounds of varying dosages of acetaminophen (aka APAP) and **hydrocodone**, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4) and dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. The varying compounds are also known generically as **Hydrocodone with APAP**. These are narcotic drugs.
- 25. **Phenergan with Codeine** is a brand name for a compound of the antihistamine **promethazine**, a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022, and **codeine**, a Schedule V controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11058 and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. In its generic form it is also known as **Promethazine with Codeine**. It is a narcotic drug.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 26. Between on or about June 11, 2007 and on or about July 17, 2008, Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a Lucky Pharmacy (PHY 48509) in San Pablo, California. In that position, she had access to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- 27. Between in or about March 2008 and in or about June 2008, Respondent made use of that access to divert/steal controlled substances and dangerous drugs. Specifically, Respondent forged/created fraudulent prescription documents in the name(s) of fictitious patients, and signed the names of the fictitious patients in the customer log while stealing/diverting the drugs.

28. By this and/or other methods of theft from the pharmacy, Respondent admitted to taking/diverting at least thirty-two (32) bottles, containing one hundred (100) tablets each, of **Hydrocodone with APAP** (or name brand versions), and forty (40) bottles, containing sixteen (16) ounces (one pint) of liquid syrup each, of **Phenergan with Codeine** or **Promethazine with Codeine**. An audit conducted by Lucky for the period from February 23, 2007 to July 22, 2008 revealed shortages/losses for that period of 5,524 tablets of **Hydrocodone with APAP** and 26,260 mls (56 one pint bottles) of **Phenergan** or **Promethazine with Codeine** syrup. During interviews with loss prevention and/or with police, Respondent admitted to stealing the drugs for purposes of sale outside of the pharmacy, without prescription, for financial gain.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Corruption)

29. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(f) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, committed numerous acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Creation/Signature of False Documents)

30. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(g) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, created and/or signed documents that falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime(s))

31. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(1) and/or section 490 of the Code, by reference to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, for the conviction of substantially related crime(s), in that on or about March 27, 2009, in a criminal case titled *People v. Jaynalee Fajilagutan Manto*, Case No. 02-299320-2 in Contra Costa County Superior Court, Respondent was convicted of one (1) count of violating Penal Code section(s) 487(a)/508 (Grand Theft – Embezzlement) a felony, and one (1) count of violating Business and Professions Code section 4324(a) (Passing a Forged Prescription), a felony. The conviction was entered as follows:

- a. On or about July 17, 2008, based on the conduct described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, Respondent was arrested and subsequently charged in *People v. Jaynalee Fajilagutan Manto*, Case No. 02-299320-2 in Contra Costa County Superior Court, with one (1) count of violating Penal Code section(s) 487(a)/508 (Grand Theft Embezzlement) a felony, thirteen (13) counts (Two to Fourteen) of violating Business and Professions Code section 4324(a) (Passing a Forged Prescription), all felonies, and three (3) counts (Fifteen to Seventeen) of violating Health and Safety Code section 11351 (Possessing Controlled Substances for Sale), all felonies;
- b. On or about March 27, 2009, Respondent pleaded no contest and was found guilty of Count One (Penal Code section(s) 487(a)/508 [Grand Theft Embezzlement]), a felony, and Count Two (Business and Professions Code section 4324(a) [Passing a Forged Prescription]), also a felony. The remaining counts (Three to Seventeen) were dismissed by motion of the DA. Imposition of sentence was suspended in favor of a period of formal probation of three (3) years, on terms and conditions including 180 days in jail (2 days credit) or electronic home detention, counseling as directed by probation, search conditions, abstention from use, fines and fees, and a prohibition on acting as a fiduciary for any other person.

## FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing of Controlled Substance)

32. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4059 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11170 in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, furnished to herself or another without a valid prescription, and/or conspired to furnish, and/or assisted or abetted furnishing of, a controlled substance.

## FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substance)

33. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4060 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11350, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of, a controlled substance, without a prescription.

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#### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtaining Controlled Substance by Fraud, Deceit or Subterfuge)

34. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11173(a), in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, obtained, conspired to obtain, and/or assisted in or abetted the obtaining of a controlled substance, by fraud, deceit, subterfuge, or concealment of material fact.

## SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Making, Uttering and/or Using False or Forged Prescriptions)

35. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4324 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section(s) 11157 and/or 11368, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, falsely made, altered, forged, uttered, published, passed, or attempted to pass, a false, forged, fictitious or altered prescription for a (narcotic) drug, had in her possession a (narcotic) drug secured by a false, forged, fictitious or altered prescription, or conspired and/or assisted in or abetted any of these acts.

# EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Issuance and/or Use of Invalid Prescription(s))

36. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section(s) 11150 and/or 11175, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, issued prescriptions without authority to do so, obtained or possessed an invalid prescription, obtained or possessed a controlled substance by means of such invalid prescription, or conspired and/or assisted in or abetted any of these acts.

### NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession or Purchase of Controlled Substance for Sale)

37. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section(s) 11351, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 28 above, possessed or purchased a narcotic drug for sale, or conspired and/or assisted in or abetted such possession or purchase for sale.

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# TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 1 (Unprofessional Conduct) 2 Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that 3 Respondent, as described in paragraphs 26 to 37 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct. 4 5 **PRAYER** 6 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, 7 and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision; . 8 Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 73450, issued 9 to Jayna F. Manto (Respondent); 10 Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and 2. 11 enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; 12 3. Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper. 13 14 15 16 Executive Officer 17 Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs 18 State of California Complainant 19 20 SF2008200610 20208444.doc 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28