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9 **BEFORE THE**
10 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
12 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:
14 **GULJINDER SINGH**
1947 Woodland Drive
15 Yuba City, California 95991
16 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH
69684
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18 Respondent.

Case No. 3530
ACCUSATION

19 Virginia Herold ("Complainant") alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

- 21 1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the
22 Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs.
23 2. On or about August 2, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy
24 Technician Registration Number TCH 74030 to Guljinder Singh (Respondent). The license will
25 expire on August 31, 2010, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

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2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board),
3 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
4 references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

5 4. Section 4300 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

6 “(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.

7 “(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board,
8 whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by
9 any of the following methods:

10 “(1) Suspending judgment.

11 “(2) Placing him or her upon probation.

12 “(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.

13 “(4) Revoking his or her license.

14 “(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in
15 its discretion may deem proper.

16 5. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

17 “The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of
18 unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or
19 issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the
20 following:

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22 “(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud,
23 deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or
24 otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.

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26 “(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any
27 dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or
28 injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to

1 the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to
2 the public the practice authorized by the license.”

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4 “(k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony conviction
5 involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic
6 beverage, or any combination of those substances.

7 (l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions,
8 and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13
9 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled
10 substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or
11 dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the
12 record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.
13 The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order
14 to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances
15 or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is an offense substantially related to
16 qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea of guilty or a
17 conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of
18 this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment
19 of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made
20 suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4
21 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of
22 not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or
23 indictment.

24 6. Section 111, subdivision (b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that
25 “the suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the
26 department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a
27 court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any
28 period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its

1 authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground
2 provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking
3 disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground”.

4 7. Penal Code section 273a, subdivision (b), provides that “any person who,
5 under circumstances or conditions other than those likely to produce great bodily harm or death,
6 willfully causes or permits any child to suffer, or inflicts thereon unjustifiable physical pain or
7 mental suffering, or having the care or custody of any child, willfully causes or permits the
8 person or health of that child to be injured, or willfully causes or permits that child to be placed
9 in a situation where his or her person or health may be endangered, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

10 8. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may
11 request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or
12 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation
13 and enforcement of the case.

14 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 (Criminal Convictions)

16 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct
17 under sections 4301(k) and 4301(l) of the Code in that he is convicted of the following crimes
18 that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties for which Respondent is
19 licensed:

20 a. On or about October 16, 2000, conviction by his plea or guilty or no
21 contest to violation of Vehicle Code section 23152 (driving under the influence of alcohol), a
22 misdemeanor, in *People v. Guljinder Singh*, Sutter County Superior Court Case No. 0002022.

23 b. On or about July 31, 2006, conviction by plea of no contest to violation of
24 Vehicle Code section 23152(b) (driving under the influence of alcohol), a misdemeanor, and with
25 admission of one prior such conviction, in *People v. Guljinder Singh*, Sutter County Superior
26 Court Case No. CRTR-06-1677.

27 c. On or about September 24, 2007, conviction by plea of no contest or guilty to
28 violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(a) (driving under the influence of alcohol), a

1 misdemeanor, and with two prior convictions of Vehicle Code section 23152, in *People v.*
2 *Guljinder Singh*, Butte County Superior Court Case No. SCR60860.

3 d. On or about February 27, 2008, conviction by plea of no contest to violation of
4 Penal Code section 273a(b) (child abuse), a misdemeanor, in *People v. Guljinder Singh*, Sutter
5 County Superior Court Case No. CRF-08-0301. The circumstances of the crime are that
6 Respondent physically abused his minor son while Respondent was under the influence of
7 alcohol.

8 e. On or about September 29, 2008, conviction by plea of guilty to violation of
9 Vehicle Code sections 23152(b)(driving under the influence of alcohol) and 23350, a felony, and
10 with the admission of three prior convictions for violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, in
11 *People v. Guljinder Singh*, Sutter County Superior Court Case No. CR-F-08-0001895. The
12 circumstances of the crime are that Respondent drove a motor vehicle under the influence of
13 alcohol, with suspended driving license, and attempted to flee in his motor vehicle and elude a
14 pursuing peace officer.

15 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 (Acts of Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Corruption)

17 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct
18 under section 4301(f) by committing acts involving moral turpitude. On or about January 29,
19 2008, Respondent physically abused his minor child while Respondent was under the influence
20 of alcohol.

21 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

22 (Self-Administration of Alcoholic Beverages in Manner Dangerous to Respondent and Others)

23 11. Based upon the allegations of Paragraph 9, Respondent is subject to
24 disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under section 4301(h) in that Respondent
25 administered alcoholic beverages to himself to the extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious
26 to himself, to others, to the public generally and to the extent that it impairs his ability to conduct
27 with safety to the public the practice authorized by his pharmacy technician registration.

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1 OTHER MATTERS

2 12. To fix the degree of discipline to be imposed upon Respondent, if any,
3 Complainant alleges that Respondent violated his criminal probation ordered pursuant to the
4 criminal convictions in *People v. Guljinder Singh*, Sutter County Superior Court Case No.
5 CRTR-06-1677, *People v. Guljinder Singh*, Butte County Superior Court Case No. SCR60860
6 and *People v. Guljinder Singh*, Sutter County Superior Court Case No. CRF-08-0301, as
7 described in Paragraph 9, by failing to obey all laws during the periods of probation prescribed
8 for Respondent.

9 PRAYER

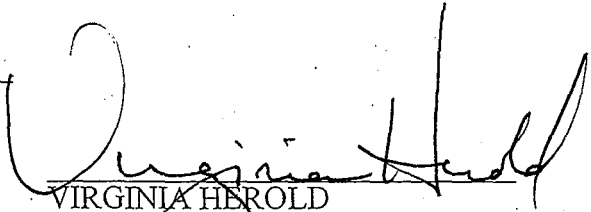
10 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
11 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

12 A. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH
13 69684 issued to Guljinder Singh;

14 B. Ordering Guljinder Singh to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable
15 costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions
16 Code section 125.3;

17 C. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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19 DATED: 2/9/10

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21 VIRGINIA HEROLD
22 Executive Officer
23 Board of Pharmacy
24 Department of Consumer Affairs
25 State of California
26 Complainant