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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3590
12	HOAI NAM NGUYEN 6753 Meriwether Ct.
13	Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701 A C C U S A T I O N
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 64936
15 16	Respondent.
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18	Complainant alleges:
19	PARTIES
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
21	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about September 1, 2005, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration
23	Number TCH 64936 to Hoai Nam Nguyen (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician Registration
24	was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on
25	October 31, 2010, unless renewed.
26	JURISDICTION
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following
.28	laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

- 4. Section 4300 of the Code states:
- "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
- "(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods:
 - "(1) Suspending judgment.
 - "(2) Placing him or her upon probation.
 - "(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.
 - "(4) Revoking his or her license.
- "(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its discretion may deem proper.
- "(e) The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein. The action shall be final, except that the propriety of the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure."
 - 5. Section 4301 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not 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.

"(1) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled

substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment."

- 6. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
 - 7. 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 his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

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

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime)

- 9. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 490, 4300, and 4301, subdivision (1), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a licensed Pharmacy Technician. Specifically, on or about June 10, 2008, in the case entitled The People of the State of California vs. Hoai Nam Nguyen, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No, KA081793, Respondent was convicted by her plea of nolo contendere to one count of violating Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a), (grand theft by embezzlement), a felony. In addition to being placed on three (3) years probation, and having to serve 270 days of day labor, Respondent was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$19,040.10.
- The circumstances of the conviction are that in or between December 5, 2006 and 10. November 20, 2007, while an employee of Signs and Lucites Products, Respondent altered checks from her employer's vendors, originally made payable to her employer, to include her name, and cashed the checks for her own benefit.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (f), in that Respondent committed acts of dishonesty, fraud or deceit by embezzling money, and/or, personal property from her employer in or between December 5, 2005 and November 20, 2007, as more fully discussed in paragraphs 9 and 10, above, which are herein incorporated by reference as set forth in whole.

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 64936, issued to Hoai Nam Nguyen;
- 2. Ordering Hoai Nam Nguyen to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 4110

VIRGINIA HEROLD

Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

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