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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 4522	
12	JUAN ANGEL GONZALEZ	
13	11821 Foothill Blvd. #107 Lake View Terrance, CA 91342 ACCUSATION	
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH	
15	21197	
16	Respondent.	
17	Complainant alleges:	
18	<u>PARTIES</u>	
19	1. Virginia K. Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official	
20	capacity as the Executive Officer of the California State Board of Pharmacy.	
21	2. On or about January 14, 1997, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician	-
 22	Registration No. TCH 21197 to Juan Angel Gonzalez (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician	
23	Registration expired on October 31, 2012, and has not been renewed.	
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JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), provides that the suspension/expiration/surrender/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 5. Section 490 provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend revoke a license on the grounds 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.
 - 6. Section 492 states:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, successful completion of any diversion program under the Penal Code, or successful completion of an alcohol and drug problem assessment program under Article 5 (commencing with section 23249.50) of Chapter 12 of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code, shall not prohibit any agency established under Division 2 ([Healing Arts] commencing with Section 500) of this code, or any initiative act referred to in that division, from taking disciplinary action against a licensee or from denying a license for professional misconduct, notwithstanding that evidence of that misconduct may be recorded in a record pertaining to an arrest.

"This section shall not be construed to apply to any drug diversion program operated by any agency established under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of this code, or any initiative act referred to in that division."

7. Section 4060 states:

"No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 28361.1, or a

physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5, or a pharmacist pursuant to either subparagraph (D) of paragraph (4) of, or clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of, subdivision (a) of Section 4052. This section shall not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, pharmacist, physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, naturopathic doctor, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, when in stock in containers correctly labeled with the name and address of the supplier or producer.

"Nothing in this section authorizes a certified nurse-midwife, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, or a naturopathic doctor, to order his or her own stock of dangerous drugs and devices."

- 8. Section 4300 provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
 - 9. Section 4300.1 states:

"The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license."

10. Section 4301 states in pertinent part:

"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.

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

States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and "(1) 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...."

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770 states, in pertinent part:

"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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COST RECOVERY

12. Section 125.3 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.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/DANGEROUS DRUG

13. "Methamphetamine," is a schedule II controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2), and is categorized a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

- 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490, 4300, 4301, subdivision (l), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician.
- a. On or about February 7, 2008, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 470 (d) [False check/record/certificate/etc.] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California vs. Juan Angel Gonzalez* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2006, No. 6PY02203). The Court placed Respondent on 24 months probation, ordered Respondent to perform 150 hours of community service, and pay \$129 in restitution and fees.
- b. The circumstances surrounding the conviction occurred on or about January 20, 2006 and Respondent was arrested.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance/Dangerous Drug)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (j), in conjunction with section 4060, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on or about April 11, 2011, Respondent was in possession of methamphetamine, a controlled

substance/dangerous drug, as follows:

- a. The circumstances surrounding the arrest are that on or about April 11, 2011, Respondent was arrested for attempting to enter the San Fernando Court Building with methamphetamine in his sock.
- b. Subsequently, on or about May 26, 2011, after pleading guilty, the Court placed Respondent on 36 months Deferred Entry of Judgment for violating Health and Safety code section 11377(A) [Possession of a controlled substance] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California vs. Juan Angel Gonzalez* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2011, No. 1GF00164).

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (f), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption with the intent to substantially benefit himself, or substantially injure another. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 14-15, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (a), in that Respondent committed and acts of unprofessional conduct. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 14-16, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

- 18. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about:
- a. On or about April 3, 2000, Respondent was convicted of one interlineated misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23103 [Reckless driving] in the criminal

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1	proceeding entitled The People of the State of California vs. Juan Angel Gonzalez (Super. Ct. Los
2	Angeles County, 2000). The Court placed Respondent on 24 months probation and ordered him
3	to pay restitution fines.
4	b. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about March 1, 2000,
5	Respondent was arrested for driving with a tested blood alcohol level of 0.09%.
6	<u>PRAYER</u>
7	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
8	and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:
9	1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 21197, issued
10	to Juan Angel Gonzalez;
11	2. Ordering Juan Angel Gonzalez to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the
12	investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and
13	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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15	DATED: STATIST VIRGINIAK HEROLD Executive Officer
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