Stipulated Order for Interim Suspension of License (4591)

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1 ex parte hearing scheduled for April 25, 2013 on the Petition pursuant to Business and 2 Professions Code section 494.

- 5. In addition, Respondent understands that she is entitled to a noticed hearing on the Petition within twenty (20) days of the issuance of an interim order without notice (noticed hearing). Respondent hereby waives her right to a noticed hearing on the Petition pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 494(c).
- 6. Respondent agrees that her Pharmacist License Number RPH 52375 shall be suspended pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 494. Respondent is hereby prohibited from practicing as a pharmacist until a final decision on the Accusation that will be filed in this matter, or until this interim suspension order is modified or vacated.
- Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 494(f), the Accusation against
 Respondent shall be filed within 15 days of the issuance of this Order.
- 8. Respondent understands that she is entitled to a hearing on the Accusation within thirty (30) days after she files a Notice of Defense as is set forth in Business and Professions Code section 494. Respondent hereby waives her right to a hearing within the statutory time deadline set forth in Business and Professions Code section 494.
- The parties understand and agree that facsimile and electronic copies of this
 Stipulation, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 10. This stipulation will be submitted to the Presiding Administrative Law Judge of the San Diego Office of Administrative Hearings and upon his signature, or the signature of his designee, the stipulation will become an Order. The Order shall be effective upon execution by the Presiding Administrative Law Judge or his designee. The Order shall be served to Respondent's address of record with the Board of Pharmacy within two business days after issue by overnight and certified mail.

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ACCEPTANCE I have carefully read the above Stipulated Order for Interim Suspension of License. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Order for Interim Suspension of License voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Order. Respondent ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Order for Interim Suspension of License is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration to the Office of Administrative Flearings. DATED: Respectfully submitted, KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California LINDA K. SCHNEIDER Supervising Deputy Attorney General LAURO A. PAREDES Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Petitioner

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ORDER IT IS SO ORDERED pursuant to the above Stipulation that Respondent Nancy Fanwei-Meng-Sedrak, Pharmacy License No. RPH 52375is suspended and Respondent D Nancy Fanwei-Meng-Sedrak, is prohibited from practicing as a pharmacist until a final decision on the Accusation in this matter becomes effective, or until this interim suspension order is modified or vacated. .7 DATED: 4-25-13 Office of Administrative Hearings 80763857.doc

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First Amended Accusation

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- 3. This First Amended 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 unless otherwise indicated.
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As used in this section, "license" includes "certificate," "permit,"

"authority," and "registration."

9. Section 4060 of the Code states:

No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the 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 2836.1, 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.

10. 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.
- (g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.
- (h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the

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extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
 - (p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license.

11. Section 4323 of the Code states:

Every person who, in order to obtain any drug, falsely represents himself or herself to be a physician or other person who can lawfully prescribe the drug, or falsely represents that he or she is acting on behalf of a person who can lawfully prescribe the drug, in a telephone or electronic communication with a pharmacist, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year.

Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to maintain the records required by Section 4081 or who, when called upon by an authorized officer or a member of the board, fails, neglects, or refuses to produce or provide the records within a reasonable time, or who willfully produces or furnishes records that are false, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 13. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1769, states:
- (b) When considering the suspension or revocation of a facility or a personal license on the ground that the licensee or the registrant has been convicted of a crime, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of such person and his present eligibility for a license will consider the following criteria:
 - (1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).
 - (2) Total criminal record.
- (3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s).
- (4) Whether the licensee has complied with all terms of parole, probation, restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.
 - (5) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee.
- 14. 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.

COST RECOVERY

15. 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 or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case. The Board may also include investigation and recovery costs in a stipulated settlement.

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- 16. Ambien, a brand name for zolpidem tartrate, is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(32), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business & Professions Code section 4022.
- 17. Clonazepam, generic name for Klonopin, is a Schedule IV controlled substance under California Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(7), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 18. Suboxone, a brand name for Buprenorphine/Naloxone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(32), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business & Professions Code section 4022.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance)

- 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301 subdivisions (j), and (o) and 4060 and in that she was convicted of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a pharmacist. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about November 5, 2012 Respondent, while working at Kaiser Permanente, located at 9449 East Imperial Highway, Downey, CA, admitted in a signed written statement to diverting Suboxone 2mg from the pharmacy for self use on at least four separate occasions.
- b. Between June 2, 2012 and February 28, 2013. Respondent fraudulently purchased and received at least 23 different prescriptions. Respondent fraudulently phoned in 21 prescriptions and in one case fraudulently refilled 2 prescriptions. The prescriptions were under Respondent's name, her maiden name, variations of her maiden name and her husband's name (S. Sedrak) as outlined in Table 1 below. In total Respondent fraudulently obtained over 1,000 pills.

| _ | | TABLE 1 | | | | | |
|----|------------|----------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| 1 | Date | Name | Doctor | Drug | Rx# | Pharmacy | |
| 2 | 6/2/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 942346 | Rite Aid | |
| | 10/23/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 942346 | Rite Aid | |
| 3 | 6/2/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Wellbutrin XL 300mg #30 | 942345 | Rite Aid | |
| 4 | 11/19/2012 | S. Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 858288 | Rite Aid | |
| _ | | | | Amoxil 500mg # 30 | 858282 | Rite Aid | |
| 5 | | | | Ibuprofen 800mg # 30 | 858285 | Rite Aid | |
| 6 | 11/19/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | S. | Refillx x2 added to Ambien RX | 4507966 | Ralphs | |
| _ | 11/10/2012 | rvancy ocaraix | 0. | Lexapro 20mg # 60 | 6739752 | Sam's Club | |
| 7 | | | | Klonopin 1mg # 20 | 4421424 | Sam's Club | |
| 8 | | | | Zolpidem 10mg #60 | 4421423 | Sam's Club | |
| | 11/30/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | | Zolpidem 10mg # 30 | 591413540 | Kaiser | |
| 9 | | | | Lexapro 20mg # 60 | 591413572 | Kaiser | |
| 10 | 12/3/2012 | S. Sedrak | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 90 | 4421493 | Sam's Club | |
| | 12/7/2012 | Fanwei Meng | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 90 | 1195302 | cvs | |
| 11 | | | | Lasix 20mg #90 | 1195300 | cvs | |
| 12 | | | | Atenolol 25mg # 90 | 1195299 | cvs | |
| 12 | 2/15/2013 | Nancy Meng | C. | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 4423318 | Walmart | |
| 13 | 2/18/2013 | Nancy Meng | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 30 | 631427 | Walgreens | |
| 14 | 4/11/2012 | S. Sedrak | M. | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 936062 | Rite Aid | |
| 15 | 2/28/2013 | S.Sedrak | P | Seroquel 25mg # 100 | 6765600 | Walmart | |
| 13 | | | | Buspar 10mg #90 | 6765602 | Walmart | |
| 16 | | | | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 4424405 | Walmart | |
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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Representation of Self as a Physician or Agent of Physician to Obtain Drug)

- 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4323 in that she fraudulently represented herself as physician or physician's representative in order to procure prescription drugs. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. Between June 2, 2012 and February 28, 2013. Respondent fraudulently telephoned the pharmacies listed below in TABLE 2 and unlawfully obtained the prescription medication listed.

TABLE 2

| Date | Name | Doctor | Drug | Rx# | Pharmacy |
|------------|--------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 6/2/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 942346 | Rite Aid |
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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(February 28, 2013 Conviction for Petty Theft)

- 21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490 and 4301 subdivision (I) in that she was convicted of a crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a pharmacist. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about February 28, 2012, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People* of the State of California vs. Nancy Fanweimen Sedrak, in Los Angesles County Superior Court case number 2BF00447, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of violating Penal Code section 490.1, petty theft. A charge of commercial burglary was dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct-Danger to the Public)

- 22. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301 subdivision (h) in that she administered to herself a number of controlled substances including:
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FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Moral Turpitude)

23. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under section 4301(f) of the Code in that Respondent was dishonest and fraudulent in her procurement of prescriptions drugs, as detailed in paragraphs 19-22, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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:

- Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 52375, issued to Nancy
 Fanwei-Meng Sedrak;
- 2. Ordering Nancy Fanwei-Meng Sedrak 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: 3414

VIRGINIA MEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

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"authority," and "registration."

9. Section 4060 of the Code states:

No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the 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 2836.1, 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.

10. 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.
- (g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.
- (h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the

extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
 - (p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license.

11. Section 4323 of the Code states:

Every person who, in order to obtain any drug, falsely represents himself or herself to be a physician or other person who can lawfully prescribe the drug, or falsely represents that he or she is acting on behalf of a person who can lawfully prescribe the drug, in a telephone or electronic communication with a pharmacist, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year.

12. Section 4324 subdivision (a) of the Code states:

Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to maintain the records required by Section 4081 or who, when called upon by an authorized officer or a member of the board, fails, neglects, or refuses to produce or provide the records within a reasonable time, or who willfully produces or furnishes records that are false, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 13. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1769, states:
- (b) When considering the suspension or revocation of a facility or a personal license on the ground that the licensee or the registrant has been convicted of a crime, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of such person and his present eligibility for a license will consider the following criteria:
 - (1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).
 - (2) Total criminal record.
- (3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s).
- (4) Whether the licensee has complied with all terms of parole, probation, restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.
 - (5) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee.
- 14. 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.

COST RECOVERY

15. 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 or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case. The Board may also include investigation and recovery costs in a stipulated settlement.

DRUG

- 16. Ambien, a brand name for zolpidem tartrate, is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(32), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business & Professions Code section 4022.
- 17. Clonazepam, generic name for Klonopin, is a Schedule IV controlled substance under California Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(7), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 18. Suboxone, a brand name for Buprenorphine/Naloxone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(32), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business & Professions Code section 4022.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance)

- 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301 subdivisions (j), and (o) and 4060 and in that he was convicted of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a pharmacist. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about November 5, 2012 Respondent, while working at Kaiser Permanente, located at 9449 East Imperial Highway, Downey, CA, admitted in a signed written statement to diverting Suboxone 2mg from the pharmacy for self use on at least 4 separate occasions.
- b. Between June 2, 2012 and February 28, 2013. Respondent fraudulently purchased and received at least 23 different prescriptions. Respondent fraudulently phoned in 21 prescriptions and in one case fraudulently refilled 2 prescriptions. The prescriptions were under Respondent's name, her maiden name, variations of her maiden name and her husband's name as outlined in Table 1 below. In total Respondent fraudulently obtained over 1,000 pills.

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| Date | Name | Doctor | Drug | Rx# | Pharmacy |
| 6/2/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 942346 | Rite Aid |
| 10/23/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 942346 | Rite Aid |
| 6/2/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Wellbutrin XL 300mg #30 | 942345 | Rite Aid |
| 11/19/2012 | Sam Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 858288 | Rite Aid |
| | | | Amoxil 500mg # 30 | 858282 | Rite Aid |
| | | | Ibuprofen 800mg # 30 Refillx x2 added to Ambien | 858285 | Rite Aid |
| 11/19/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | S. | RX | 4507966 | Ralphs |
| | | | Lexapro 20mg # 60 | 6739752 | Sam's Cl |
| | | | Klonopin 1mg # 20 | 4421424 | Sam's Cl |
| | | | Zolpidem 10mg #60 | 4421423 | Sam's Cl |
| 11/30/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | | Zolpidem 10mg # 30 | 591413540 | Kaiser |
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| 12/3/2012 | S. Sedrak | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 90 | 4421493 | Sam's C |
| 12/7/2012 | | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 90 | 1195302 | CVS |
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| | | | Lasix 20mg #90 | | |
| 0/45/0040 | | | Atenolol 25mg # 90 | 1195299 | CVS |
| 2/15/2013 | Nancy Meng | C. | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 4423318 | Walmart |
| 2/18/2013 | Nancy Meng | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 30 | 631427 | Walgree |
| 4/11/2012 | S. Sedrak | <u>M</u> . | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 936062 | Rite Aid |
| 2/28/2013 | S.Sedrak | P. | Seroquel 25mg # 100 | 6765600 | Walmart |
| | | | Buspar 10mg #90 | 6765602 | Walmart |
| | | , | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 4424405 | Walmart |
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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(False Representation of Self as a Physician or Agent of Physician to Obtain Drug)

- 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4323 in that she fraudulently represented herself as physician or physician's representative in order to procure prescription drugs. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. Between June 2, 2012 and February 28, 2013. Respondent fraudulently telephoned the pharmacies listed below in TABLE 2 and unlawfully obtained the prescription medication listed.

TABLE 2

| Date | Name | Doctor | Drug | Rx# | Pharmacy |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 6/2/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | | | Rite Aid |
| 10/23/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 942346 | Rite Aid |
| 6/2/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | K. | Wellbutrin XL 300mg #30 | 942345 | Rite Aid |
| 11/19/2012 | Sam Sedrak | K. | Zolpidem 10mg #30 | 858288 | Rite Aid |
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| | | | Ibuprofen 800mg # 30 | 858285 | Rite Aid |
| 11/19/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | S. | Refillx x2 added to Ambien RX | 4507966 | Ralphs |
| | | | Lexapro 20mg # 60 | 6739752 | Sam's Club |
| | | | Klonopin 1mg # 20 | 4421424 | Sam's Club |
| | | | Zolpidem 10mg #60 | 4421423 | Sam's Club |
| 11/30/2012 | Nancy Sedrak | | Zolpidem 10mg # 30 | 591413540 | Kaiser |
| | | | Lexapro 20mg # 60 | 591413572 | Kaiser |
| 12/3/2012 | Sam Sedrak | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 90 | 4421493 | Sam's Club |
| 12/7/2012 | Fanwei Meng | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 90 | 1195302 | cvs |
| | | | Lasix 20mg #90 | 1195300 | cvs |
| | | | Atenolol 25mg # 90 | 1195299 | cvs |
| 2/15/2013 | Nancy Meng | C | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 4423318 | Walmart |
| 2/18/2013 | Nancy Meng | S. | Zolpidem 10mg # 30 | 631427 | Walgreens |
| 4/11/2012 | Sam Sedrak | M. | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 936062 | Rite Aid |
| 2/28/2013 | Sam Sedrak | P. | Seroquel 25mg # 100 | 6765600 | Walmart |
| | | | Buspar 10mg #90 | 6765602 | Walmart |
| | | | Zolpidem 10mg # 60 | 4424405 | Walmart |

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(February 28, 2013 Convictions for Burglary and Petty Theft)

- 21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490 and 4301 subdivision (l) in that she was convicted of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a pharmacist. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about February 28, 2012, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People* of the State of California vs. Nancy Fanweimen Sedrak, in Los Angesles County Superior Court case number 2BF00447, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of misdemeanor commercial burglary and petty theft.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct-Danger to the Public)

- 22. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301 subdivision (h) in that she administered to herself a number of controlled substances including:
- a. Ambien, a brand name for zolpidem tartrate, is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(32), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business & Professions Code section 4022.
- b. Clonazepam, generic name for Klonopin, is a Schedule IV controlled substance under California Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(7), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- c. Suboxone, a brand name for Buprenorphine/Naloxone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(32), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business & Professions Code section 4022.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Moral Turpitude)

23. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under section 4301(f) of the Code in that Respondent was dishonest and fraudulent in her procurement of prescriptions drugs, as detailed in paragraphs 19-22, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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 Pharmacist License Number RPH 52375, issued to Nancy Fanwei-Meng Sedrak;
- 2. Ordering Nancy Fanwei-Meng Sedrak 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: 5/10/13

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer

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