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9	DEPARTMENT OF C	CONSUMER AFFAIRS CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4906 OAH No. 2014080925 [Consolidated]
12	P S ENTERPRISE, INC., d.b.a. HUNTINGTON PHARMACY;	FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION
13	PHIC LIM, President, Pharmacist-In- Charge	
14	2300 Huntington Dr. San Marino, CA 91108	
15	Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 45238,	
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18	PHIC LIM 1553 Lucretia Ave.	
19	Los Angeles, CA 90026	
20	Pharmacist License No. RPH 49175,	
21	Respondents.	
22	Complainant alleges:	
23	PAR	TIES
24	Virginia Herold (Complainant) bring	s this Accusation solely in her official capacity
25	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmac	cy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
26	2. On May 29, 2001, the Board of Phar	macy issued Pharmacy Permit Number PHY
27	45238 to Respondent P S Enterprise, Inc., doing	business as Huntington Pharmacy; with Phic Lim
28	- '	cist-in-Charge since March 10, 2010 (Respondent
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2	(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
3	licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.
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5	(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the
6	United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
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8	(1) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions,
9	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
10	regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of
11	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
12	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
13	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
14	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
15	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,
16	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
17	aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.
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19	(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or
20	of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including
21	regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.
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23	11. Section 4307 of the Code states:
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25	(a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under
26	suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control of any
27	partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while
28	acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control had knowledge of or

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knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with management or control of a licensee as follows:

- (1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.
- (2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.
- (b) "Manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control of a license" as used in this section and Section 4308, may refer to a pharmacist or to any other person who serves in such capacity in or for a licensee.
- (c) The provisions of subdivision (a) may be alleged in any pleading filed pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code. However, no order may be issued in that case except as to a person who is named in the caption, as to whom the pleading alleges the applicability of this section, and where the person has been given notice of the proceeding as required by Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code. The authority to proceed as provided by this subdivision shall be in addition to the board's authority to proceed under Section 4339 or any other provision of law.

## 12. Section 4332 of the Code states in relevant part:

Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to maintain the records required by board, fails, neglects, or refuses to produce or provide the records within a reasonable misdemeanor.

## 13. Health and Safety Code section 11153 states in relevant part:

(a) A prescription for a controlled substance shall only be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her professional practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription. Except as authorized by this division, the following are not legal prescriptions: (1) an order purporting to be a prescription which is issued not in the usual course of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized research; or (2) an order for an addict or habitual user of controlled substances, which is issued not in the course of professional treatment or as part of an authorized narcotic treatment program, for the purpose of providing the user with controlled substances, sufficient to keep him or her comfortable by maintaining customary use.

### **DRUG CLASSIFICATIONS**

- 19. Dilaudid is a brand name for hydromorphone. Dilaudid is a Schedule II controlled substance and a dangerous drug. (Health & Saf. Code, § 11055, subd. (b)(l)(J); Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4022.) Dilaudid is indicated for severe pain.
- 20. OxyContin is a brand name for oxycodone. OxyContin is a Schedule II controlled substance and a dangerous drug. (Health & Saf. Code, § 11055, subd. (b)(l)(M); Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4022.) OxyContin is indicated for moderate to severe pain.
- 21. Lyrica is a brand name for pregabalin. Lyrica is a Schedule V controlled substance and a dangerous drug. (Code Fed. Regs., tit. 21, § 1308.15, subd. (e)(13); Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4022.) Lyrica is indicated for fibromyalgia, diabetic nerve pain, spinal cord injury nerve pain, pain after shingles, and partial onset seizures in adults with epilepsy.

## **BOARD INVESTIGATION**

22. From 2011 to 2013, the Board conducted a series of investigations of Respondent Pharmacy. Respondent Pharmacy's controlled substance log, prescription copies, Patient Activity Reports (PARs) and other documents, revealed violations of the Pharmacy Law.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

### (As to Respondent Phic Lim)

- 23. Respondent Phic Lim is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (l), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent Phic Lim was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered pharmacist.
- 24. On or about December 11, 2015, Respondent Phic Lim pleaded guilty to one felony count of structuring of currency transactions (31 U.S.C. § 5324(a)(3).) On or about February 8, 2016, Respondent was sentenced to 12 months and one day in a federal penitentiary and ordered to pay a fine of \$15,000 and a special assessment of \$100. Following release from imprisonment, Respondent was placed on supervised release for three years upon terms and conditions that, in relevant part, require him to obtain prior written approval from his probation officer before being

employed in any position that requires licensing and/or certification by a local, state, or federal agency. (*United States of America v. Phic Lim* (C.D.Cal. 2016) No. CR-11-1075-SJO-5).)

- 25. The circumstances of the conviction are that beginning not earlier than July 2009, Respondent and his wife, a co-defendant, engaged in a pattern of knowingly and intentionally depositing cash proceeds in structured amounts (that is, in individual transactions less than \$10,000), resulting in combined deposits per day of more than \$10,000, and using multiple bank accounts.
- 26. In total, Respondent and his wife made structured deposits of at least \$105,826 in such cash proceeds. Respondent made those structured deposits knowing that the relevant financial institutions had a legal obligation to report currency transactions in excess of \$10,000, and Respondent acted for the purpose of evading that reporting obligation.
- 27. As an example of the structuring in which Respondent was engaged, on August 4, 2009, Respondent and his wife made two cash deposits in the amounts of \$1,662 and \$9,000 into a Chase Bank account ending in numbers 0725.

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Commission of Act of Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, Corruption)
(As to Respondent Phic Lim)

28. Respondent Phic Lim is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (f), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent Phic Lim committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption. Complainant realleges paragraphs 21–26.

### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Validate Legitimacy of Prescriptions)

(As to All Respondents)

29. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (d) and (j) for violating Health and Safety Code section 11153, subdivision (a), and Code section 4301, subdivision (o), for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761, subdivisions (a) and (b), in that between 2009 and 2011, Respondents failed to assume

hydrocodone/APAP 10 mg/325 mg from four other pharmacies during the period in which she obtained the prescriptions from Respondents.

- 41. Respondents knew or should have known that Respondent lived in Palmdale and traveled to San Dimas and Azusa for her prescriptions.
  - D. Patient Y.B. Received an Excessive Amount of Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325
- 42. On or about January 21, 2011, Respondents dispensed prescription number 724719 to Patient Y.B. The prescription consisted of 45 pills of hydrocodone/APAP 10 mg/325 mg, an 11-day supply.
  - 43. On or about January 26, 2011, Respondents dispensed a refill six days early.
  - 44. On or about February 3, 2011, Respondents dispensed a refill eight days early.
  - 45. On or about February 8, 2011, Respondents dispensed a refill six days early.
  - 46. On or about February 21, 2011, Respondents dispensed a refill.
  - 47. On or about February 25, 2011, Respondents dispensed a refill seven days early.
- 48. On or about March 4, 2011, Respondents ran a CURES report on Patient Y.B.A CURES report is a report generated from California's Controlled Substance Utilization Review

and Evaluation System. All prescription drug history information is maintained in CURES, a database which contains about 86 million records. The database includes information about the drug dispensed, drug quantity and strength, patient name, address, prescriber name, and authorization number, including DEA number and prescription number.

- 49. By virtue of the information conveyed in the CURES report, Respondents knew or should have known that during the period in which Patient Y.B. obtained prescriptions from Respondents, she also obtained prescriptions from 16 other pharmacies and 13 doctors.
- 50. Respondents knew or should have known that Patient Y.B. lived in San Gabriel and traveled to Glendora and Norwalk for her prescriptions.
  - E. Daily Logs Reveal Questionable Prescribing and Dispensing Patterns
- 51. The daily logs for Respondent Pharmacy reveal prescribing and dispensing patterns from which Respondents knew or should have known that the prescriptions they filled were not issued for a lawful medical purpose. Specifically, the daily logs show that out-of-area patients

received a combined 123 prescriptions for pain killers, including OxyContin 80 mg, morphine sulphate, and hydromorphone/Dilaudid 4 mg between January 4, 2010 and February 6, 2010, as follows:

	Date	Rx No.	Count	Drug		
	January 4, 2010					
1	1/4/2010	696115	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
2	1/4/2010	696137	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
3	1/4/2010	696141	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
4	1/4/2010	696145	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
5	1/4/2010	696150	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
6	1/4/2010	696155	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
7	1/4/2010	696161	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
8	1/4/2010	696169	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
		January 5	, 2010			
9	1/5/2010	696270	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
10	1/5/2010	696274	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
11	1/5/2010	696278	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
12	1/5/2010	696282	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
13	1/5/2010	696286	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
14	1/5/2010	696291	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
15	1/5/2010	696295	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
January 7, 2010						
16	1/7/2010	696489	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
17	1/7/2010	696493	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
18	1/7/2010	696500	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
19	1/7/2010	696504	90	OxyContin 80 mg		
20	1/7/2010	696505	60	Hydromorphone 4 mg		

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21	1/7/2010	696510	90	OxyContin 80 mg
22	1/7/2010	696514	90	OxyContin 80 mg
23	1/7/2010	696518	90	OxyContin 80 mg
		January 8	3, 2010	
24	1/8/2010	696600	90	OxyContin 80 mg
25	1/8/2010	696604	90	OxyContin 80 mg
26	1/8/2010	696608	90	OxyContin 80 mg
27	1/8/2010	696613	90	OxyContin 80 mg
28	1/8/2010	696617	90	OxyContin 80 mg
29	1/8/2010	696621	90	OxyContin 80 mg
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30	1/9/2010	696717	90	OxyContin 80 mg
31	1/9/2010	696718	60	Morphine sulphate 50 mg
32	1/9/2010	696722	90	OxyContin 80 mg
33	1/9/2010	696727	90	OxyContin 80 mg
34	1/9/2010	696730	90	OxyContin 80 mg
35	1/9/2010	696734	90	OxyContin 80 mg
36	1/9/2010	696735	60	Hydromorphone 4 mg
37	1/9/2010	696740	90	OxyContin 80 mg
38	1/9/2010	696748	90	OxyContin 80 mg
39	1/9/2010	696752	90	OxyContin 80 mg
40	1/9/2010	696756	90	OxyContin 80 mg
41	1/9/2010	696760	90	OxyContin 80 mg
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42	1/11/2010	696788	90	OxyContin 80 mg
43	1/11/2010	696796	60	Morphine sulphate 50 mg

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45	1/11/2010	696805	90	OxyContin 80 mg
46	1/11/2010	696809	90	OxyContin 80 mg
47	1/11/2010	696813	90	OxyContin 80 mg
48	1/11/2010	696815	60	Hydromorphone 4 mg
49	1/11/2010	696831	90	OxyContin 80 mg
50	1/11/2010	696832	100	Dilaudid 4 mg
51	1/11/2010	696835	90	OxyContin 80 mg
52	1/11/2010	696836	100	Dilaudid 4 mg
		January 1	12, 2010	
53	1/12/2010	696924	90	OxyContin 80 mg
54	1/12/2010	696928	90	OxyContin 80 mg
55	1/12/2010	696932	90	OxyContin 80 mg
56	1/12/2010	696937	90	OxyContin 80 mg
57	1/12/2010	696941	90	OxyContin 80 mg
58	1/12/2010	696942	60	Hydromorphone 4 mg
59	1/12/2010	696943	90	OxyContin 80 mg
60	1/12/2010	696949	90	OxyContin 80 mg
61	1/12/2010	696953	90	OxyContin 80 mg
62	1/12/2010	696972	90	OxyContin 80 mg
		January 1	16, 2010	
63	1/16/2010	697326	90	OxyContin 80 mg
64	1/16/2010	697330	90	OxyContin 80 mg
65	1/16/2010	697334	90	OxyContin 80 mg
66	1/16/2010	697343	90	OxyContin 80 mg
67	1/16/2010	697349	90	OxyContin 80 mg

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68	1/16/2010	697353	90	OxyContin 80 mg
69	1/16/2010	697357	90	OxyContin 80 mg
70	1/16/2010	697361	90	OxyContin 80 mg
71	1/16/2010	697365	90	OxyContin 80 mg
72	1/16/2010	697369	90	OxyContin 80 mg
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73	1/18/2010	697399	90	OxyContin 80 mg
74	1/18/2010	697409	90	OxyContin 80 mg
75	1/18/2010	697416	90	OxyContin 80 mg
76	1/18/2010	697422	90	OxyContin 80 mg
77	1/18/2010	697427	90	OxyContin 80 mg
78	1/18/2010	697436	90	OxyContin 80 mg
79	1/18/2010	697440	90	OxyContin 80 mg
80	1/18/2010	697444	90	OxyContin 80 mg
81	1/18/2010	697448	90	OxyContin 80 mg
82	1/18/2010	697454	90	OxyContin 80 mg
83	1/18/2010	697458	90	OxyContin 80 mg
84	1/18/2010	697462	90	OxyContin 80 mg
		January 2	23, 2010	
85	1/23/2010	697925	90	OxyContin 80 mg
86	1/23/2010	697934	90	OxyContin 80 mg
87	1/23/2010	697938	90	OxyContin 80 mg
88	1/23/2010	697942	90	OxyContin 80 mg
89	1/23/2010	697946	90	OxyContin 80 mg
90	1/23/2010	697950	90	OxyContin 80 mg
91	1/23/2010	697955	90	OxyContin 80 mg

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92	1/23/2010	697960	90	OxyContin 80 mg
93	1/23/2010	697965	90	OxyContin 80 mg
94	1/23/2010	697969	90	OxyContin 80 mg
		January	25, 2010	
95	1/25/2010	698017	90	OxyContin 80 mg
96	1/25/2010	698021	90	OxyContin 80 mg
97	1/25/2010	698025	90	OxyContin 80 mg
98	1/25/2010	698029	90	OxyContin 80 mg
99	1/25/2010	698033	90	OxyContin 80 mg
100	1/25/2010	698037	90	OxyContin 80 mg
101	1/25/2010	698069	90	OxyContin 80 mg
102	1/25/2010	698077	90	OxyContin 80 mg
103	1/25/2010	698080	90	OxyContin 80 mg
104	1/25/2010	698082	100	Dilaudid 4 mg
January 30, 2010				
105	1/30/2010	698644	90	OxyContin 80 mg
106	1/30/2010	698647	90	OxyContin 80 mg
107	1/30/2010	698652	90	OxyContin 80 mg
108	1/30/2010	698655	90	OxyContin 80 mg
109	1/30/2010	698658	90	OxyContin 80 mg
110	1/30/2010	698661	90	OxyContin 80 mg
111	1/30/2010	698664	90	OxyContin 80 mg
112	1/30/2010	698667	90	OxyContin 80 mg
113	1/30/2010	698679	90	OxyContin 80 mg
	<u> </u>	February	6, 2010	
114	2/6/2010	699317	90	OxyContin 80 mg

	Date	Rx No.	Count	Drug
115	2/6/2010	699320	90	OxyContin 80 mg
116	2/6/2010	699323	90	OxyContin 80 mg
117	2/6/2010	699326	90	OxyContin 80 mg
118	2/6/2010	699329	90	OxyContin 80 mg
119	2/6/2010	699334	90	OxyContin 80 mg
120	2/6/2010	699337	90	OxyContin 80 mg
121	2/6/2010	699340	90	OxyContin 80 mg
122	2/6/2010	699343	90	OxyContin 80 mg
123	2/6/2010	699346	90	OxyContin 80 mg

### **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

## (Unauthorized Dispensing of Controlled Substance Refill)

## (As to All Respondents)

52. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (j), for violating Health and Safety Code section 11200, in that Respondents dispensed a controlled substance refill more than six months after the date of the original prescription. On or about February 5, 2010, Respondents dispensed prescription number 699247 to Patient E.H. The prescription consisted of 60 tablets of Lyrica 300 mg, a 30-day supply. Respondents dispensed a refill prescription on December 17, 2010, which was more than six months from the date of the original prescription.

## FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Keep Complete Accountability)

#### (As to All Respondents)

53. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (o), for violating Code sections 4081, 4332, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718, in that, pursuant to an audit based on Respondent Pharmacy's records from March 25, 2010 to December 23, 2011, Respondents could not account for 142 tablets of Dilaudid 4 mg and 200

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tablets of OxyContin 80 mg.

The Selected Data Audit Summary follows:

Drug	Initial Amount	Amount Ordered	Total	Amount Dispensed	Amt. to Account	Stock On Hand	Short- age
Dilaudid 4 mg	840	7,300	8,140	7,320	820	620	200
OxyContin 80 mg	820	22,900	23,720	23,550	170	28	142

## **DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS**

55. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Phic Lim, Complainant alleges that on or about April 27, 2011, the Board issued Citation Number CI 2010 48039 to Respondent Phic Lim for violations of California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1751.3, subdivision (b), 1751.7, subdivision (a), and 1716.2. Respondent Phic Lim was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,500. That Citation is now final and is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully.

## OTHER MATTERS

56. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4307, if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 45238 or Pharmacist License Number RPH 49175 is disciplined as part of the Board's Decision, then Phic Lim shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with management or control of a licensee for a period (1) not to exceed five years if either Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 45238 or Pharmacist License Number RPH 49175 is placed on probation as part of the Board's decision, or (2) until said licenses are reinstated if they are revoked as part of the Board's decision.

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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 Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 45238, issued to PS 1. Enterprise, Inc., doing business as Huntington Pharmacy; with Phic Lim as the President and Pharmacist-in-Charge;
  - Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 49175, issued to Phic Lim: 2.
- 3. Prohibiting Phic Lim, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4307, from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with management or control of a licensee for a period (1) not to exceed five years if either Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 45238 or Pharmacist License Number RPH 49175 is placed on probation as part of the Board's decision, or (2) until said licenses are reinstated if they are revoked as part of the Board's decision;
- Ordering P S Enterprise, Inc., d.b.a. Huntington Pharmacy and Phic Lim, jointly and 4. severally, 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; and.
  - 5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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DATED:

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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25	2001, and the Pharmacist-in-Charge since Mar	ch 10, 2010 (Respondent Pharmacy). The		
26	Pharmacy Permit expired on May 1, 2012, and	has not been renewed.		
27	3. On or about October 22, 1996, the Board issued Pharmacist License Number RPH			
28	49175 to Phic Lim (Respondent Lim). The Ph	armacist License was in full force and effect at all		
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times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2015, if not

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the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency."

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#### 8. Section 4022 of the Code states:

"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, 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.
- "(b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a \_\_\_\_\_\_," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
- "(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."
  - 9. Section 4081 of the Code provides:
- "(a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, or disposition of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices shall be at all times during business hours open to inspection by authorized officers of the law, and shall be preserved for at least three years from the date of making. A current inventory shall be kept by every manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, veterinary foodanimal drug retailer, physician, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, laboratory, clinic, hospital, institution, or establishment holding a currently valid and unrevoked certificate, license, permit, registration, or exemption under Division 2 (commencing with Section 1200) of the Health and Safety Code or under Part 4 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code who maintains a stock of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices.
- "(b) The owner, officer, and partner of a pharmacy, wholesaler, or veterinary food-animal drug retailer shall be jointly responsible, with the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in charge, for maintaining the records and inventory described in this section."
  - 10. Section 4332 of the Code provides:

"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."

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11. Health and Safety Code section 11153 provides:

"(a) A prescription for a controlled substance shall only be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her professional practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription. Except as authorized by this division, the following are not legal prescriptions: (1) an order purporting to be a prescription which is issued not in the usual course of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized research; or (2) an order for an addict or habitual user of controlled substances, which is issued not in the course of professional treatment or as part of an authorized narcotic treatment program, for the purpose of providing the user with controlled substances, sufficient to keep him or her comfortable by maintaining customary use."

# REGULATORY PROVISIONS

12. California Code of Regulations, title 16 ("Regulations"), section 1718 provides:

"Current Inventory" as used in Sections 4081 and 4332 of the Business and Professions

Code shall be considered to include complete accountability for all dangerous drugs handled by
every licensee enumerated in Sections 4081 and 4332. The controlled substances inventories
required by Title 21, CFR, Section 1304 shall be available for inspection upon request for at least
3 years after the date of the inventory."

- 13. Regulations section 1761 provides:
- "(a) No pharmacist shall compound or dispense any prescription which contains any significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration. Upon receipt of any such prescription, the pharmacist shall contact the prescriber to obtain the information needed to validate the prescription.
- "(b) Even after conferring with the prescriber, a pharmacist shall not compound or dispense a controlled substance prescription where the pharmacist knows or has objective reason to know that said prescription was not issued for a legitimate medical purpose."

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#### **COST RECOVERY PROVISION**

14. 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.

#### **DRUG CLASSIFICATIONS**

- 15. Dilaudid 4mg, brand name for Hydromorphone, is a Schedule II controlled substance as defined under Health and Safety Code section 11055, section (b)(l)(J), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is used for the relief of severe pain.
- 16. OxyContin 80mg, brand name for Oxycodone, is a Schedule II controlled substance as defined under Health and Safety Code section 11055, section (b)(l)(M), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is used for the relief of moderate to severe pam.
- 17. Lyrica, is a Schedule V controlled substance as defined under Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 1308.15 (e)(3), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is used for the relief of pain.

#### **BOARD INVESTIGATION**

18. From 2011 to 2013, the Board conducted a series of investigations of Respondent Pharmacy. Using Respondent Pharmacy's controlled substance log, prescription copies, Patient Activity Reports (PARS) and other documents, the following violations were found.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Filling of Erroneous or Uncertain Prescriptions and Failure to Assume Co-Responsibility to Validate Legitimacy of Prescription)

19. Respondents Pharmacy and Lim are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (d) and (j) for violating Health and Safety Code section 11153, subdivision (a), and Code section 4301, subdivision (o), for violating Regulations section 1761, subdivisions (a) and (b), in that between 2009 to 2011, Respondents failed to assume corresponding responsibility by failing to validate the legitimacy of the prescriptions and/or reviewing the patients' drug therapy,

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by dispensing prescriptions to physician shoppers or habitual users, and/or by dispensing erroneous/uncertain prescriptions. The circumstances are as follows:

- Patient S.A. On or about June 22, 2010, Respondents dispensed 120 20. hydrocodone/apap 10/325, 30 day supply (DS), Rx #711850. On or about July 6, 2010, Respondents dispensed a refill of 120 hydrocodone/apap 10/325 (30 DS), Rx #711850, 17 days early. On or about July 21, 2010, Respondents dispensed another refill of 120 hydrocodone/apap 10/325, Rx #711850, 15 days early. Respondents failed to notice that S.A. obtained 120 hydrocodone/apap 10/325 from 4 different pharmacies during the period she was obtaining the prescriptions from Respondent Pharmacy, and that S.A. lived in Palmdale and traveled to Santa Clarita and Azusa for these prescriptions.
- Patient Y.B. On or about January 21, 2011, Respondents dispensed 45 21. hydrocodone/apap 10/325 (11 DS), Rx #724719. Five days later, on or about January 26, 2011, Respondents dispensed another refill of 45 hydrocodone/apap 10/325. On or about February 3, 2011, Respondents dispensed 45 hydrocodone/apap 10/325 (11 DS), Rx #725506 eight days early. On March 4, 2011, Respondents conducted one CURES report on Y.B. During the period Y.B. obtained prescriptions Respondents, Respondents failed to notice that she also obtained prescriptions from 16 other pharmacies and 13 doctors, and that Y.B. lived in San Gabriel and traveled to Glendora and Norwalk for these prescriptions.
- Patient P.G. On or about November 25, 2009, Respondents dispensed 90 OxyContin 22. 80mg (30 DS), Rx #693275. Six days later, on or about December 1, 2009, Respondents dispensed another 90 OxyContin 80mg (30 DS), Rx #693275. On or about December 24, 2009, Respondents dispensed another 90 OxyContin 80mg (30 DS), Rx # 695386 30 days early. Respondents failed to notice that P.G. received prescriptions from 3 different doctors while receiving his prescriptions from Respondents.

All prescription drug history information is maintained in the California's Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System, or CURES, a database which contains about 86 million records. The database includes information about the drug dispensed, drug quantity and strength, patient name, address, prescriber name, and authorization number including DEA number or prescription number.

1 2	<ul> <li>Rx 696510, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696514, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696518, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
3	d. On January 8, 2010, there were 6 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg from Lake
	Medical Group:
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5	• Rx 696600, 90 OxyContin 80mg
6	<ul> <li>Rx 696604, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696608, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
7	• Rx 696613, 90 OxyContin 80mg
}	• Rx 696617, 90 OxyContin 80mg
8	• Rx 696621, 90 OxyContin 80mg
9	e. On January 9, 2010, there were 10 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg, 1 for Morphine
10	Sulphate, and 1 for Hydromorphone 4mg, all from Lake Medical Group:
11	• Rx 696717, 90 OxyContin 80mg
12	• Rx 696718, 60 Morphine Sulphate 50mg
	• Rx 696722, 90 OxyContin 80mg
13	<ul> <li>Rx 696727, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696730, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
14	• Rx 696734, 90 OxyContin 80mg
15	• Rx 696735, 60 Hydromorphone 4mg
16	• Rx 696740, 90 OxyContin 80mg
	<ul> <li>Rx 696748, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696752, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
17	• Rx 696756, 90 OxyContin 80mg
18	• Rx 696760, 90 OxyContin 80mg
19	f. On January 11, 2010, there were 9 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg and 2 for
20	Dilaudid 4mg from Lake Medical Group and Dr. G.:
21	• Rx 696788, 90 OxyContin 80mg
22	• Rx 696796, 60 Morphine Sulphate 50mg
- {	• Rx 696801, 90 OxyContin 80mg
23	• Rx 696805, 90 OxyContin 80mg
24	<ul> <li>Rx 696809, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696813, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
25	• Rx 696815, 60 Hydromorphone 4mg
ŀ	• Rx 696831, 90 OxyContin 80mg
26	• Rx 696832, 100 Dilaudid 4mg
27	<ul> <li>Rx 696835, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696836, 100 Dilaudid 4mg</li> </ul>
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. 1	g. On January 12, 2010, there were 9 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg and 1 for
2	Hydromorphone 4mg from Lake Medical Group:
3	<ul> <li>Rx 696924, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696928, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
5	• Rx 696932, 90 OxyContin 80mg • Rx 696937, 90 OxyContin 80mg
-6	<ul> <li>Rx 696941, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696942, 60 Hydromorphone 4mg</li> </ul>
7	<ul> <li>Rx 696943, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696949, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
8	<ul> <li>Rx 696953, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 696972, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
9	h. On January 16, 2010, there were 10 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg from Lake
11	Medical Group:
12	<ul> <li>Rx 697326, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 697330, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
13	<ul> <li>Rx 697334, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 697343, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
14	<ul> <li>Rx 697349, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 697353, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
16	<ul> <li>Rx 697357, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 697361, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
17	<ul> <li>Rx 697365, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 697369, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
18	i. On January 18, 2010, there were 12 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg from Lake
19	Medical Group:
21	<ul> <li>Rx 697399, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 697409, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
22	<ul> <li>Rx 697416, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 697422, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
23	• Rx 697427, 90 OxyContin 80mg • Rx 697436, 90 OxyContin 80mg
24	• Rx 697440, 90 OxyContin 80mg • Rx 697444, 90 OxyContin 80mg
26	• Rx 697448, 90 OxyContin 80mg • Rx 697454, 90 OxyContin 80mg
27	• Rx 697458, 90 OxyContin 80mg • Rx 697462, 90 OxyContin 80mg
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1	j. On January 23, 2010, there were 10 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg from Lake
2	Medical Group:
3	• Rx 697925, 90 OxyContin 80mg
	• Rx 697934, 90 OxyContin 80mg
4	• Rx 697938, 90 OxyContin 80mg
5	• Rx 697942, 90 OxyContin 80mg
	• Rx 697946, 90 OxyContin 80mg
6	• Rx 697950, 90 OxyContin 80mg
7	• Rx 697955, 90 OxyContin 80mg
1	• Rx 697960, 90 OxyContin 80mg
8	• Rx 697965, 90 OxyContin 80mg
9	• Rx 697969, 90 OxyContin 80mg
10	k. On January 25, 2010, there were 9 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg and 1 for
11	Dilaudid 4mg, all from Lake Medical Group and Dr. G.:
10	• Rx 698017, 90 OxyContin 80mg
12	• Rx 698021, 90 OxyContin 80mg
13	• Rx 698025, 90 OxyContin 80mg
1	• Rx 698029, 90 OxyContin 80mg
14	• Rx 698033, 90 OxyContin 80mg
15	• Rx 698037, 90 OxyContin 80mg
7.	• Rx 698069, 90 OxyContin 80mg
16	• Rx 698077, 90 OxyContin 80mg
17	• Rx 698080, 90 OxyContin 80mg
	• Rx 698082, 100 Dilaudid 4mg
18	1. On January 30, 2010, there were 9 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg from Lake
19	Medical Group:
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01	• Rx 698644, 90 OxyContin 80mg
21	• Rx 698647, 90 OxyContin 80mg
22	• Rx 698652, 90 OxyContin 80mg
	• Rx 698655, 90 OxyContin 80mg
23	• Rx 698658, 90 OxyContin 80mg
24	• Rx 698661, 90 OxyContin 80mg
1	• Rx 698664, 90 OxyContin 80mg
25	<ul> <li>Rx 698667, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> <li>Rx 698679, 90 OxyContin 80mg</li> </ul>
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- m. On February 6, 2010, there were 10 prescriptions for OxyContin 80mg from Lake Medical Group:
  - Rx 699317, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699320, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699323, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699326, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699329, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699334, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699337, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699340, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699343, 90 OxyContin 80mg
  - Rx 699346, 90 OxyContin 80mg

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Failure to Keep Complete Accountability)

- 25. Respondents Pharmacy and Lim are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (o), for violating Code sections 4081, 4332, and Regulations 1718 in that pursuant to an audit based on Respondent Pharmacy's records from March 25, 2010 to December 23, 2011, Respondents could not account for 2,600 tablets of Dilaudid 4mg and 39,620 tablets of OxyContin 80mg.
  - 26. The Selected Drug Audit Summary is as follows:

DRUG	INITIAL AMOUNT	AMOUNT ORDERED	TOTAL	AMOUNT DISPENSED	AMT. TO ACCOUNT	STOCK ON HAND	SHORT-
Dilaudid 4mg	840	7,300	8,140	11,360	3,220	620	2,600
OxyContin 80mg	820	23,900	24,720	64,630	39,910	290	39,620

### DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

27. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Lim, Complainant alleges that on or about April 27, 2011, the Board of Pharmacy issued Citation Number CI 2010 48039 to Respondent Lim for violations of Regulations sections 1751.3, subdivision (b), 1751.7, subdivision (a), and 1716.2. Respondent Lim was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,500.00. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

## 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 Permit Number PHY 45238, issued to P S Enterprise, Inc., dba Huntington Pharmacy; with Phic Lim as the President and Pharmacist-in-Charge;
  - 2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 49175 to Phic Lim;
- 3. Ordering P S Enterprise, Inc., dba Huntington Pharmacy and Phic Lim, jointly and severally, 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;
  - 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 4/5/14	Ouginia Shedal
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Executive Officer
Board of Pharmacy

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