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8 9 10	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 5496
12 13	REENALYNNE TAN BERNARDO 701 Redwood Street Oxnard, CA 93033	ACCUSATION
14 15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 106755	
16	Respondent.	
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18	Complainant alleges:	
19	<u>PARTIES</u>	
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as	
21	the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs.	
22	2. On or about February 16, 2011, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration	
23	No. TCH 106755 to Reenalynne Tan Bernardo (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician	
24	Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will	
25	expire on February 28, 2017, unless renewed.	
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27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws.	
28	All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.	
	REENALYNNE TAN BERNARDO ACCUSATION	

- 4. Section 4300 provides in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Boards is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
  - 5. 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."

#### **STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

6. 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.
- "(g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

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"(I) 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

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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."

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."

#### COST RECOVERY

8. Section 125.3 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, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

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#### **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (1), in conjunction with, California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that the Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:
- a. On or about December 23, 2014, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 602, subdivision (k) [trespassing: injure property] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Reenalynne Bernardo* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2014, No. 4PY04599). The Court placed Respondent on 36 months probation, with terms and conditions. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about August 11, 2014, officers received a report of domestic violence at Respondent's residence. Respondent's husband told officers they had been arguing earlier that morning, that Respondent took his phone and threw it on the kitchen floor shattering it into multiple pieces, and that Respondent punched her husband several times with her fists on the right side of his head. Upon examination by officers, the victim was found to have multiple scratches on his neck and complained of pain and contusions on his head.
- b. On or about June 5, 2012, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal code section 243, subdivision (e)(1) [battery on spouse or cohabitant] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Reenalynne Tan Bernardo* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, 2012, No. 2012012175). The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 3 days in jail, ordered her to attend 52 weekly sessions of domestic violence counseling, and placed her on 36 months probation, with terms and conditions. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about April 3, 2012, Respondent and her boyfriend were involved in physical altercation. Respondent admitted to kicking her boyfriend in front of their daughter as well as biting his arm.

# **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS** To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges as follows: On or about December 29, 2008, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was a. convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11357, subdivision (b) [possession of marijuana 28.5 grams or less] in the criminal proceeding entitled The People of the State of California v. Reenalynne Tan Bernardo (Super, Ct. Ventura County, 2008, No. 2008049619). The Court ordered Respondent to pay a fine. On or about January 12, 2010, the Court dismissed the matter pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4. **PRAYER** WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision: Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 106755, issued to Reenalynne Tan Bernardo; Ordering Reenalynne Tan Bernardo to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. DATED: Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant LA2015501047 51889113.doc

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