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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 5595
BRANDON L. IACOBOA C C U S A T I O N3462 Donegal Ct
Iowa City, IA 52246
Pharmacist License No. RPH 64631
Respondent.
Complainant alleges:
PARTIES
1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as
the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
2. On or about September 9, 2010, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License
Number RPH 64631 to Brandon L. Iacobo (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full
force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31,
2015, unless renewed.
JURISDICTION
3. This 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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4. Section 4300, subdivision (a) of the Code states that "[e]very license issued may be suspended or revoked."

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Section 4300.1 of the Code 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."

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6. Section 4301 of the Code states in pertinent part:

10 "The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional
11 conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.
12 Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

"(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.

"(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."

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Section 4060 of the Code states in pertinent part:

23 "A person shall not possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon
24 the prescription of a physician..."

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8. Section 4022 of the Code states

26 "Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in
27 humans or animals, and includes the following:

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1	"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without
2	prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.
-3	-"(b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal-law restricts this device to sale by
4	or on the order of a," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in
5	with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
6	"(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on
7	prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."
8	DRUGS
9	9. Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(I) specifies that
10	Hydrocodone is a Schedule II controlled substance.
11	10. Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (e)(2) specifies that Codeine is a
12	schedule III controlled substance.
13	11. Health and Safety Code section 11057 specifies that the following substances are
14	schedule IV controlled substances:
15	a. (d)(1) Alprazolam.
16	b. (d)(7) Clonazepam.
17	c. (d)(16) Lorazepam.
18	d. (d)(26) Phenobarbital.
19	COST RECOVERY
20	12. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
21	administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
22	the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
23	enforcement of the case.
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1	FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
2	(Self-Administration of Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs)
3	13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to
4	section 4301, subdivision (h), in that on or about January 23, 2015, Respondent self-administered
5	controlled substances and dangerous drugs to an extent or in a manner to be dangerous to himself
6	or others. The circumstances are as follows:
7	14. On or about January 23, 2015, Respondent was driving a vehicle on a public roadway
8	when he failed to stop at a red traffic light and collided with the vehicle in front of him.
9	Respondent was suspected of being intoxicated and a blood test was performed. The blood test
10	was positive for Hydrocodone, Codeine, Clonazepam, Lorazepam, Alprazolam, Phenobarbital, and
11	Butalbital.
12	15. Respondent admitted to self-administering controlled substances and dangerous drugs
13	that he obtained from his wife without her knowledge, mostly expired prescriptions, and from his
14	dog's prescription for Phenobarbital. Respondent was not prescribed any of the substances
15	determined to be in his system by the blood test.
16	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
17	(Possession of Controlled Substances)
18	16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under section
19	4301, subdivision (0), in that Respondent violated section 4060 by possessing controlled
20	substances for which he did not have a valid prescription. The circumstances are as set forth in
21	paragraphs 13-15, above.
22	<u>PRAYER</u>
23	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
24	and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:
25	1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 64631, issued to Brandon
26	L. Iacobo;
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Ordering Brandon L. Iacobo to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the 2. investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;-Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3. DATED: 12/22/15 HEROLD **VIRGIMI** Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant SA2015105221 12053308.docx (BRANDON L. IACOBO) ACCUSATION