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. 10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 5813				
11	SHILOH FAMILY PHARMACY INC. DBA SHILOH FAMILY PHARMACY,					
12	DIANA ARONSON and NATALIA	ACCUSATION				
13	VOYTOVA, OWNERS PIC ALAN BROWN (2/28/14-5/29/14)					
14	5551 Hollywood Blvd., Space A Los Angeles, CA 90028					
15 16	Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 51776					
17	and					
18	ALAN BROWN					
18	202 118 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, #C11 Bellevue, WA 98005					
20	Pharmacist License No. RPH 22146	•				
21	Respondents.					
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23	Complainant alleges:					
24	<u>PARTIES</u>					
25	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity					
26	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.					
27	2. On or about February 28, 2014, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit					
-28-	Number PHY 51776 to Shiloh Family Pharmacy Inc. dba Shiloh Family Pharmacy (Respondent					
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Pharmacy). Diana Aronson and Natalia Voytova have been the owners (each own 50% of the stock in Respondent Pharmacy) of Respondent Pharmacy since February 28, 2014. Diana Aronson has been the President and Chief Executive Officer and Natalia Voytova has been the Secretary since February 28, 2014. The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 1, 2018, unless renewed.

3. On or about August 10, 1961, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 22146 to Respondent Alan Brown (Respondent Brown). Respondent Alan Brown (RPH 22146) was the Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) of Respondent Pharmacy from February 28, 2014, to May 29, 2014. Respondent Brown worked at Respondent Pharmacy as a staff pharmacist from May 30, 2014, through June 11, 2014. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on February 8, 2017, and has not been renewed. The Pharmacist License is retired.

#### **JURISDICTION**

4. 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 (Code), unless otherwise indicated.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 5. Section 4300 of the Code provides in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
  - 6. 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."

7. Section 4301 of the Code states, in 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:

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- "(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- "(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."
  - 8. Section 4302 of the Code states:

"The board may deny, suspend, or revoke any license of a corporation where conditions exist in relation to any person holding 10 percent or more of the corporate stock of the corporation, or where conditions exist in relation to any officer or director of the corporation that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee."

- 9. Section 4113 of the Code states, in part:
- "(b) The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."
- 10. Section 4115, subdivision (h), states that "[t]he pharmacist on duty shall be directly responsible for the conduct of a pharmacy technician supervised by that pharmacist."
  - 11. Section 4116 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) No person other than a pharmacist, an intern pharmacist, an authorized officer of the law, or a person authorized to prescribe shall be permitted in that area, place, or premises described in the license issued by the board wherein controlled substances or dangerous drugs or dangerous devices are stored, possessed, prepared, manufactured, derived, compounded, dispensed, or repackaged. However, a pharmacist shall be responsible for any individual who enters-the pharmacy for the purposes of receiving consultation from the pharmacist or performing

clerical, inventory control, housekeeping, delivery, maintenance, or similar functions relating to the pharmacy if the pharmacist remains present in the pharmacy during all times as the authorized individual is present."

12. Section 4307, subdivision (a), of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"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 suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner had knowledge of or 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, or partner 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."
  - 13. Section 4081 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, receipt, shipment, 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, third-party logistics provider, pharmacy, veterinary food-animal drug retailer, outsourcing facility, 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, third-party logistics provider, or veterinary food-animal drug retailer shall be jointly responsible, with the pharmacist-in-charge, responsible manager, or designated representative-in-charge, for maintaining the records and inventory described in this section."
- 13. Health and Safety Code Section 111440 states: "It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, hold, or offer for sale any drug or device that is misbranded."

### **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

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."

- 15. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714 states, in part:
- "(b) Each pharmacy licensed by the board shall maintain its facilities, space, fixtures, and equipment so that drugs are safely and properly prepared, maintained, secured and distributed. The pharmacy shall be of sufficient size and unobstructed area to accommodate the safe practice of pharmacy."

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- "(d) Each pharmacist while on duty shall be responsible for the security of the prescription department, including provisions for effective control against theft or diversion of dangerous drugs and devices, and records for such drugs and devices. Possession of a key to the pharmacy where dangerous drugs and controlled substances are stored shall be restricted to a pharmacist."
  - 16. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718 states:

"'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."

### **COST RECOVERY**

17. 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, 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.

### 18. **DRUG CLASSIFICATIONS**

Brand Name(s) Generic Name		Dangerous Drug Per Bus. & Prof. Code § 4022	Scheduled Drug per Health & Safety Code (HSC)	Indications For Use
Ambien	zolpidem tartrate	Yes	Schedule IV per HSC § 11057(d)(32)	Insomnia
Lortab 7.25/325mg, Norco 10/325mg, Vicodin 5/300mg	hydrocodone/ acetaminophen (APAP)	Yes	Schedule III per HSC § 11056(e)(4) and Schedule II per 21 CFR 1308 (as of 10/6/14)	Moderate to Severe Pain
Celebrex 200mg	celecoxib	Yes	Not scheduled	Pain, Arthritis
Crestor 10mg/20mg	rosuvastatin calcium	Yes	Not scheduled	Cholesterol
Seroquel 25mg	quetiapine fumarate	Yes	Not scheduled	Schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and depression.

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(SHILOH FAMILY PHARMACY and ALAN BROWN) ACCUSATION

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### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Failure to Maintain Operational Standards and Security)

19. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o), of the Code, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivisions (b) and (d), in that they failed to secure the pharmacy to prevent loss of controlled substances. Specifically, a Board audit of the pharmacy's controlled substances for the period of March 4, 2014, through June 2, 2014, while Respondent Brown was the Pharmacist-in-Charge, revealed that 9,675 tablets of controlled substances were unaccounted for, as follows:

### TABLE ONE

DRUG NAME	BEGINNING INVENTORY	TOTAL PURCHASED	TOTAL DISPENSED	ON STOCK	TOTAL DRUG LOSS (TABLET)
Vicodin 5/300mg	91	2,400	1320	149	1,022
Zolpidem 10mg	0	10,000	4,875	1,015	4,110
Hydrocodone/ acetaminophen 7.5/325mg	100	1,700	990	99	711
Hydrocodone/ acetaminophen 5/325mg	100	3,500	2,662	247	691
Hydrocodone/ acetaminophen 10/325mg	280	4,200	1,230	109	3,141
TOTAL LOSS					9,675

### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Failure to Account for Controlled Substances)

20. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o), of the Code, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, for violating section 4081 of the Code and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718, by failing to maintain a "current inventory", in that Respondents were unable to account for 9,675 tablets of controlled substances.

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Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 19, as though set forth in full herein.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Holding Misbranded Drugs)

21. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (i), of the Code, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, for violating Health and Safety Code section 111440, by holding misbranded drugs. Specifically, on or about June 2, 2014, during a Board inspection of Respondent Pharmacy's facility, located at 5551 Hollywood Blvd., Space A, Los Angeles, California, misbranded dangerous drugs (Crestor 10 and 20mg, Celebrex 200mg, and Seroquel 25mg) were found on the pharmacy shelves among the pharmacy's active inventory, as follows:

TABLE TWO

DRUG NAME	MANUFACTUR	LOT NO.	TOTAL	COMMENTS
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STRENGTH	PACKAGE SIZE	EXPIRATION	FOUND	
		DATE		
Crestor 10mg	AstraZeneca	CF0004	150 tablets	Overfilled packaging <sup>1</sup>
	1 container	(12/2016)		Chipped tablets <sup>2</sup>
	(90 tablets)			
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Crestor 20mg	AstraZeneca	CF0002	90 tablets	Chipped tablets.
	1 container	(11/2016)		Variation on
	(90 tablets)			appearance of imprints <sup>3</sup>
	`			Missing temper
				evidence seal
Celebrex	Pfizer	H67410	35 capsules	Variation on
200mg	1 container	(09/2016)	_	appearance of imprint
ll 200mg	(100 capsules)	(***-***)		on the capsules (lighter
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Corognal	AstraZeneca	4 NTO 02 1	383 tablets	Overfilled packaging
Seroquel 25mg		AN0021	Jos tautets	Overmied packaging
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	(100 tablets)			· ·

Overfilled packages may indicate that the drugs in the package were from different lot numbers or manufacturers, or the drugs were from a non-FDA approved source.

Chipped and damaged tablets may indicate mishandling of drugs due to beyond expiry date, over handling, and/or exposure to extreme weather temperatures (freezing or heat)

Variations in the imprints may indicate counterfeit drugs or pills from different lot numbers or manufacturers.

### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Unauthorized Access to Pharmacy)

22. Respondent Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o), of the Code, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, for violating section 4116, subdivision (a), of the Code, by allowing personnel into the pharmacy without a pharmacist present. Specifically, on or about June 2, 2014, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents observed Diana Aronson (unlicensed) and a pharmacy technician, S.G., enter the pharmacy area of Respondent Pharmacy's facility, located at 5551 Hollywood Blvd., Space A, Los Angeles, California, without a pharmacist present.

### OTHER MATTERS

- 23. Pursuant to section 4307 of the Code, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 issued to Shiloh Family Pharmacy Inc. dba Shiloh Family Pharmacy, Shiloh Family Pharmacy Inc. shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 24. Pursuant to section 4307 of the Code, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 issued to Shiloh Family Pharmacy Inc. dba Shiloh Family Pharmacy while Diana Aronson and Natalia Voytova have been an officer and owner and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the licensee was disciplined, Diana Aronson and Natalia Voytova shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 is reinstated if it is revoked.

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### **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS**

1 25. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Brown, 2 Complainant alleges that in or about 2001, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy issued 3 Citation Number CI 2001 23242 to Respondent Brown, for violating sections 4301 4 (unprofessional conduct), 4301, subdivision (o) (violation of laws or regulations governing 5 pharmacy), and 4076 (inaccurate label), of the Code, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, 6 section 1716 (prescription deviation). That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference 7 as if fully set forth. 8 /// 9 /// 10 /// 11 /// 12 /// 13 1// 14 /// 15 /// 16 /// 17 HI18 /// 19 /// 20 /// 21 /// 22 /// 23 /// 24 /// 25 /// 26 /// 27 28

### **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 51776, issued to Shiloh Family Pharmacy Inc. dba Shiloh Family Pharmacy,
  - 2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy License Number 22146 issued to Alan Brown.
- 3. Prohibiting Diana Aronson from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 is reinstated if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 issued to Shiloh Family Pharmacy Inc. dba Shiloh Family Pharmacy is revoked;
- 4. Prohibiting Natalia Voytova from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 51776 is reinstated if Pharmacy Permit Number 51776 issued to Shiloh Family Pharmacy Inc. dba Shiloh Family Pharmacy is revoked;
- Ordering Respondent Pharmacy, Respondent Brown, Diana Aronson and Natalia 5. Voytova 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;
  - 6. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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