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9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY					
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS					
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2741				
12	12 ADAM DAVID PITTMAN OAH No.					
13	200 Harbor Drive, #503	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND				
14	San Diego, CA 92646 DISCIPLINARY ORDER					
15	Pharmacist License No. RPH 51848					
16	Respondent.					
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND	AGREED by and between the parties to the				
19	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:					
20	<u>PARTIES</u>					
21	1. Patricia F. Harris (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of					
22	Pharmacy (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in					
23	this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by James M. Ledakis,					
24	Deputy Attorney General.					
25	2. Respondent Adam David Pittman (Respondent) is representing himself in					
26	this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.					
27	3. On or about September 7, 2000, the Board issued Pharmacist License No.					
28	RPH 51848 to Respondent. The license will expire of	on August 31, 2007, unless renewed.				
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4. Accusation No. 2741 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 1, 2005. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 2741 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2741. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2741, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Pharmacist License.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest those charges.

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- 2. **Reporting to the Board.** Respondent shall report to the Board quarterly. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Respondent shall state under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. If the final probation report is **not** made as directed, probation shall be extended automatically until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board.
- 3. Interview with the Board. Upon receipt of reasonable notice, Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board upon request at various intervals at a location to be determined by the Board. Failure to appear for a scheduled interview without prior notification to Board staff shall be considered a violation of probation.
- 4. **Cooperation with Board Staff.** Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's inspection program and in the Board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Failure to comply shall be considered a violation of probation.
- 5. **Continuing Education.** Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the Board.
- 6. **Notice to Employers.** Respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 2741 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent by the decision. Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, and within 15 days of Respondent undertaking new employment, Respondent shall cause his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge and/or owner to report to the Board in writing acknowledging the employer has read the decision in case number 2741.

If Respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent must notify the direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and/or owner at every pharmacy of the and terms conditions of the decision in case number 2741 in advance of the Respondent commencing work at each pharmacy.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist, whether the Respondent is considered an employee or independent contractor.

- 7. No Preceptorships, Supervision of Interns, Being Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), or Serving as a Consultant. Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist or perform any of the duties of a preceptor, nor shall Respondent be the pharmacist-in-charge of any entity licensed by the Board unless otherwise specified in this order.
- 8. **Reimbursement of Board Costs.** Respondent shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$6,000.00. Respondent shall make quarterly payments over time to be worked out with the probation monitor and paid in full as a pre-condition of successful completion of probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of his responsibility to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

- 9. **Probation Monitoring Costs.** Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board at the end of each year of probation. Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a violation of probation.
- 10. **Status of License**. Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active current license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. If Respondent's license expires or is canceled by operation of law or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication, Respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.
- 11. **License Surrender while on Probation/Suspension.** Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may tender his license to the Board for surrender. The Board shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable.

Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall relinquish his pocket license to the Board within 10 days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the Board for three years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board.

- shall notify the Board in writing within 10 days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving and/or the address of the new employer, supervisor or owner and work schedule if known. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within 10 days of a change in name, mailing address or phone number.
- 13. **Psychotherapy.** Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board, for its prior approval, the name and qualifications of a licensed mental health practitioner of Respondent's choice. Should Respondent, for any reason, cease treatment with the approved licensed mental health practitioner, Respondent shall notify the Board immediately and, within 30 days of ceasing treatment, submit the name of a replacement psychotherapist or licensed mental health practitioner of Respondent's choice to the Board for its prior approval.

Therapy shall be at least once a week unless otherwise determined by the Board. Respondent shall provide the therapist with a copy of the Board's accusation and decision no later than the first therapy session. Respondent shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the treating therapist submits written quarterly reports to the Board concerning Respondent's fitness to practice, progress in treatment, and to provide such other information as may be required by the Board. If the treating therapist finds that Respondent cannot practice safely or independently, the therapist shall notify the Board immediately by telephone and followed up by written letter within three working days.

Upon approval of the licensed mental health practitioner, Respondent shall undergo and continue treatment with that therapist and at Respondent's own expense, until the Board deems that no further psychotherapy is necessary. The Board may require Respondent to undergo a mental health evaluation(s) by a Board-appointed or Board-approved licensed mental health practitioner.

14. **Rehabilitation Program - Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP).**Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall contact the Pharmacists Recovery Program for evaluation and shall successfully participate in and complete the treatment contract and any subsequent addendums as recommended and provided by the PRP and as approved by the Board. The costs for PRP participation shall be borne by the Respondent.

If Respondent is currently enrolled in the PRP, said participation is now mandatory and is no longer considered a self-referral under Business and Professions Code section 4363, as of the effective date of this decision. Respondent shall successfully participate in and complete his current contract and any subsequent addendums with the PRP. Probation shall be automatically extended until Respondent successfully completes his treatment contract. Any person terminated from the program shall be automatically suspended upon notice by the Board. Respondent may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the Board in writing. The Board shall retain jurisdiction to institute action to terminate probation for any violation of this term.

participate in random testing, including but not limited to biological fluid testing (urine, blood), breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or a drug screening program approved by the Board. The length of time shall be for the entire probation period and the frequency of testing will be determined by the Board. At all times Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board, and shall, when directed, submit to such tests and samples for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotics, dangerous drugs or other controlled substances. Failure to submit to testing as directed shall constitute a violation of probation. Any confirmed positive drug test shall result

in the immediate suspension of practice by Respondent. Respondent may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the Board in writing.

- abstain from the possession or use of alcohol, controlled substances, dangerous drugs and their associated paraphernalia except when the drugs are lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment. Upon request of the Board, Respondent shall provide documentation from the licensed practitioner that the prescription was legitimately issued and is a necessary part of the treatment of the Respondent.
- 17. **No Ownership of Premises.** Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the Board. Respondent shall sell or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the Board within 90 days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the Board.
- 18. **Tolling of Probation.** Should Respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason cease practicing pharmacy for a minimum of 80 hours per calendar month in California, Respondent must notify the Board in writing within 10 days of cessation of the practice of pharmacy or the resumption of the practice of pharmacy. Such periods of time shall not apply to the reduction of the probation period. It is a violation of probation for Respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a period exceeding three years. Cessation of practice" means any period of time exceeding 30 days in which Respondent is not engaged in the practice of pharmacy as defined in Section 4052 of the Business and Professions Code.

Respondent shall work at least 40 hours in each calendar month as a pharmacist and at least an average of 80 hours per month in any six consecutive months. Failure to do so will be a violation of probation. If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of his good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board,

in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition.

19. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order which was stayed. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be extended, until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

If Respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the Board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty which was stayed.

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1	20. Completion of Probation. Upon successful completion of probation,		
2	Respondent's license will be fully restored.		
3	ACCEPTANCE		
4	I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I		
5	understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into		
-6	this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently,		
7	and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board.		
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10	ADAM DAVID MITMAN (D. 11-12)		
1.1	ADAM DAVID PITTMAN (Respondent)		
12	ENDORSEMENT		
13	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby		
14	respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board.		
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1.6	DATED: March 23, 2006.		
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18	BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California		
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2741
ADAM DAVID PITTMAN	OAH No.
200 Harbor Drive, #503 San Diego, CA 92646	
Pharmacist License No. RPH 51848	
Respondent.	
DECISION AND The attached Stipulated Settlement the Board, as its Decision in this matter.	OORDER and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by
This Decision shall become effective	re on <u>May 31, 2006</u>
It is so ORDERED May 1, 200	6·
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STANLEY W. GOLDENBERG

Board President

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Exhibit A
Accusation No. 2741

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13	ADAM DAVID PITTMAN	ACCUSATION				
14	200 Harbor Drive, # 503 San Diego, CA 92646	ACCUSATION				
15	Pharmacist License No. 51848					
16	Respondent.					
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18	The Complainant. Patricia F. Harris, for cause of accusation against ADAM					
19	DAVID PITTMAN, alleges as follows:					
20	<u>PARTII</u>	ES				
21	1. The Complainant, Patricia F. Harris, is the Executive Officer of the					
22	California State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter the "Board") and makes this Accusation solely					
23	in her official capacity.					
24	2. On or about September 7, 200	00, the Board issued Original Pharmacist				
25	License Number RPH 51848 to respondent ADAM DAVID PITTMAN (hereinafter respondent					
26	"PITTMAN"). At all times material herein, respondent PITTMAN was and currently is licensed					
27	by the Board as a registered pharmacist. The license expires on August 31, 2006, unless					
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3. Complainant brings this Accusation under the power vested in the Board in Business and Professions Code section 4300(a) to suspend or revoke licenses issued by the Board pursuant to the California Pharmacy Act, Chapter 9, Division 2, section 4000 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code.

FACTS

Walgreens Pharmacy

- 4. In or about June, 2003, respondent PITTMAN was employed as a pharmacist at Walgreens #3294, Original Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 40746, located at 2628 Mount Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Respondent worked at this Walgreens until October, 2003. Respondent worked the night shift from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- 5. In mid-September, 2003, respondent PITTMAN arrived late to work at Walgreens, and exhibited the following strange and disoriented behavior:
 - a. Respondent expressed concern about a siren and an alarm, when there was no alarm or noise.
 - b. Respondent crawled on the floor picking up lint and papers, saying that such items were drugs.
 - c. Respondent told a Pharmacy Technician that there were drugs hroughout the store, including the windowsill.
 - d. Respondent locked himself in the store bathroom. When he left, the bathroom was ransacked, and respondent told a Pharmacy Technician that there were drugs in the bathroom. There were no drugs in the bathroom.
 - e. Respondent could not function as a pharmacist.
- 6. The next night, respondent PITTMAN worked at Walgreens, and exhibited the following strange and disoriented behavior:
 - a. When respondent appeared for work, he was stumbling, his eyes were red, he was unshaven, and his clothes were disheveled.
 - b. Respondent told a Pharmacy Technician that he did not get sleep

because his house had been broken into three times on the same day.

- c. Respondent told a Pharmacy Technician that he could hear people in his attic; that he thought that the people were making drugs up there; and that he had looked in the attic and found everything "rewired up there."
 - d. Respondent stared at a pen in his hand and talked to the pen.
- e. Respondent was not able to do his job as a pharmacist, and made a mistake pouring a bottle of Vicodin ES into an automatic drug cell of Vicodin.
- f. Respondent was requested to leave the pharmacy, and had to be driven home.
- g. On the drive home, respondent asked why there was police following the car, but there was no police.
- h. Upon arrival at his house, respondent was reluctant to exit the car, stating that there were people out to get him.
 - i. Respondent could not walk straight from the car to the front door.
- 7. The next night, respondent PITTMAN worked at the Walgreens, and exhibited the following strange and disoriented behavior:
 - a. Respondent told a Pharmacy Technician that his house had been broken into three nights in a row; that people were waiting for him outside his house in the bushes; that his landlord was rewiring the house; and that the landlord was turning the house into a bomb.

Psychological Evaluation

- 8. On or about August 12, 2004, Complainant issued a Petition for an Order to Compel Psychiatric Evaluation and an Order Compelling Psychiatric Evaluation requiring respondent PITTMAN to be examined by a psychiatrist or psychologist. The Petition and Order were issued under the authority of Business and Professions Code section 820, and based upon respondent's conduct at Walgreens, described in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 hereinabove.
- 9. On November 10 and 15, 2004, respondent presented for examination by a Clinical Psychologist. On November 26, 2004, the examiner issued a report, entitled

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Mental or Physical Illness Affecting Competency)

- 14. Complainant incorporates herein this reference the preamble and each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 10 hereinabove.
 - 15. Business and Professions Code section 822 provides as follows:

If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the following methods:

- (a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.
- (b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.
- (c) Placing the licentiate on probation.
- (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its discretion deems proper.

The licensing agency shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated.

16. The pharmacist license held by respondent PITTMAN is subject to discipline under Business and Professions Code section 822, based upon the content and recommendations of the Psychological Evaluation, described in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 hereinabove.

OWNERSHIP PROHIBITION

- 17. Business and Professions Code section 4307(a) provides, in pertinent part, that any person whose license has been revoked or is under suspension shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate or partner of a licensee.
- 18. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4307(a), in the event the license issued to respondent PITTMAN is revoked or placed on suspension, respondent shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate or partner of any licensee with rights issued by the Board.

COST RECOVERY

	19.	Business and Professions Code section 125.3(a) provides that, in any order
issued in resol	ution o	f a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the Department of
Consumer Aff	fairs, th	e 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.		

20. Under Business and Professions Code section 101(d), the California State Board of Pharmacy was and is a board with the Department of Consumer Affairs of the State of California. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3(a), the Board hereby requests the Administrative Law Judge who issues a Proposed Decision in this matter to include an Order which provides for the recovery by the Board of the costs of investigation and enforcement of this case against respondent PITTMAN, according to proof.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be had and that the California State Board of Pharmacy make its Order:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 51848, issued to Respondent ADAM DAVID PITTMAN;
- 2. Disciplining Pharmacist License Number RPH 51848 issued to respondent ADAM DAVID PITTMAN in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 822.
- 3. Prohibiting respondent ADAM DAVID PITTMAN from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee, pursuant to the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 4307(a).
- 4. Directing respondent ADAM DAVID PITTMAN to pay the California State Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of this matter pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3(a), according to proof.

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Taking such further action as deemed necessary and proper.

Executive Officer

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