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7 **BEFORE THE**
8 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2876

12 **STEVE JAMES RANSE**
13 1651 Beechwood Drive
Martinez, CA 94553

OAH No. N2006040270

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

14 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH
15 58490

16 Respondent.

17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this
18 proceeding that the following matters are true:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Patricia F. Harris ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board of
21 Pharmacy. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter
22 by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Rebecca M. Heinstein, Deputy
23 Attorney General.

24 2. Steve James Ranse ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by
25 attorney Edgardo Gonzalez, whose address is 1300 Clay Street, Suite 600, Oakland, California
26 94612.

27 3. On or about September 10, 2004, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy
28 Technician Registration No. TCH 58490 to Steve James Ranse. The license was in full force

1 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2876 and will expire on
2 October 31, 2007, unless renewed.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 4. Accusation No. 2876 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") ,
5 Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation
6 and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 21,
7 2006. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of
8 Accusation No. 2876 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

9 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

10 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations
11 in Accusation No. 2876. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this
12 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

13 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the
14 right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by
15 counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him;
16 the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of
17 subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to
18 reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the
19 California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

20 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up
21 each and every right set forth above.

22 **CULPABILITY**

23 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in
24 Accusation No. 2876.

25 9. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacy Technician License is subject to
26 discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the
27 Disciplinary Order below.

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CONTINGENCY

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2 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy.
3 Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of
4 Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement,
5 without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent
6 understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation
7 prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation
8 as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force
9 or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the
10 parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this
11 matter.

12 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated
13 Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same
14 force and effect as the originals.

15 12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties
16 agree that the Board of Pharmacy may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and
17 enter the following Order:

ORDER

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19 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH
20 58490, issued to Respondent Steve James Ranse is revoked.

21 13. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacy Technician
22 in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

23 14. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both his License and
24 his pocket certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

25 15. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if he ever files an application
26 for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a
27 petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and
28 procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all

1 of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 2876 shall be deemed to be true,
 2 correct, and admitted by Respondent when the licensing agency determines whether to grant or
 3 deny the petition.

4 16. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for
 5 three (3) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order.

6 17. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement
 7 in the amount of \$2,500.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

8 **ACCEPTANCE**

9 I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I
 10 understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration.
 11 I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and
 12 intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

13 DATED: 8-14-06.

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 16 STEVE JAMES RANSE
 Respondent

17 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Steve James Ranse the terms and
 18 conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I
 19 approve its form and content.

20 DATED: 8-15-06.

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 23 EDGARDO GONZALEZ
 Attorney for Respondent

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 8/24/06.

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of the State of California

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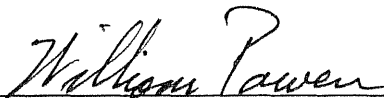
DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on November 15, 2006.

It is so ORDERED October 16, 2006.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By 
WILLIAM POWERS
Board President

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Exhibit A
Accusation No. 2876

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17 Complainant alleges:

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Patricia F. Harris ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her
20 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer
21 Affairs.

22 2. On or about September 10, 2004, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy
23 Technician Registration Number TCH 58490 to Steve James Ranse ("Respondent"). The
24 Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times pertinent to the events
25 in this Accusation and relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31,
26 2007, unless renewed.

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1 JURISDICTION

2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"),
3 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
4 references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.

5 4. Section 4300(a) of the Code states that every license issued may be
6 suspended or revoked.

7 5. Section 118(b) of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration,
8 surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a
9 disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued
10 or reinstated.

11 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

12 6. Section 4301 of the Code provides, in relevant part, that the board shall
13 take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose
14 license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional
15 conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

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17 "(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud,
18 deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or
19 otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.

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21 "(l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions,
22 and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13
23 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled
24 substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or
25 dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the
26 record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.
27 The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order
28 to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances

1 273A(A) (child cruelty: posing injury or death), a felony.

2 b. The underlying circumstances are that Respondent attempted to commit
3 lewd acts with a 13 year old girl whom he met via the internet.

4 c. The sentence Respondent received included three (3) years probation and
5 sixty (60) days in the county jail. Respondent was also ordered by the Court to attend and
6 complete counseling and therapy, not to do any internet browsing, to forfeit his computer, and to
7 stay away from all children under the age of 16 unless there is also an adult of 21 years or older
8 present.

9 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 (Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Corruption)

11 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301(f) of the
12 Code in that he has committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or
13 corruption, as set forth in paragraph 10, above.

14 **PRAYER**

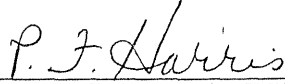
15 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
16 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

17 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH
18 58490, issued to Steve Ranse;

19 2. Ordering Steve Ranse to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs
20 of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code
21 section 125.3;

22 3. Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper.

23 DATED: 3/15/06

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26 PATRICIA F. HARRIS
27 Executive Officer
28 Board of Pharmacy
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant