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10	DEPARTMENT OF CON STATE OF CAL	SUMER AFFAIRS
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3017
13	CYNTHIA A. GARZA 21 Larkfield Maples Ct.	OAH No.
14	Santa Rosa, CA 95403	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 38775	
15	Respondent.	[Gov. Code, §11520]
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17	FINDINGS OF	·
18		, Complainant Virginia Herold, in her
19	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of	· · ·
20	Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 3017 agains	t Cynthia A. Garza (Respondent) before the
21	Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affair	rs.
22	2. On or about August 16, 2001,	the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued
23	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 38775 to Re	espondent. The Pharmacy Technician
24	License was in full force and effect at all times relev	ant to the charges brought herein and will
25	expire on February 28, 2007, unless renewed.	
26	3. On or about November 20, 20	06, Fe M. Domingo, an employee of the
27	Department of Justice, served by Certified and First	Class Mail a copy of Accusation No. 3017, a
28	Statement to Respondent, two copies of a Notice of	Defense, a Request for Discovery, and copies

of Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7, to Respondent's address of record with the Board, which was and is 21 Larkfield Maples Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Copies of the Accusation, related documents, and Declaration of Service showing service to Respondent's address of record are attached as Exhibit A, and are incorporated herein by reference.

- 4. On or about November 29, 2006, the aforementioned documents were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Not Deliverable as Addressed Unable to Forward." A copy of the documents and envelope returned by the U.S. Postal Service are attached hereto as Exhibit B, and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 5. On or about November 30, 2006, Fe M. Domingo served, by Certified and First Class Mail, the same materials (a copy of Accusation No. 3017, a Statement to Respondent, two copies of a Notice of Defense, a Request for Discovery, and copies of Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7), to another address for Respondent, besides the address of record, also known to the Board: P.O. Box 65831, Los Angeles, CA 90065. On or about December 4, 2006, a Certified Mail Return Receipt card was received in the San Francisco office of the Department of Justice, showing receipt of the Certified Mail copies, and signature therefor, by Respondent on or about December 2, 2006. Copies of the Accusation, related documents, Declaration of Service and Return Receipt card showing service to Respondent and acceptance of delivery are attached as Exhibit C, and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 6. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).
  - 7. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- "(c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing."
- 8. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 3017.

9.	California	Government	Code section	11520 states	in per	tinent part
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- "(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent."
- 10. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Respondent's express admissions by way of default and the evidence before it, contained in exhibits A and B finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 3017 are true.
- 11. The total costs for investigation and enforcement are \$10,111.25 as of anuary 3, 2007.

## **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Cynthia A. Garza has subjected her Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 38775 to discipline.
- 2. A copy of the Accusation and the related documents and Declaration of Service are attached.
  - 3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 4. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician License No. based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation:
- a. In violation of Business and Professions Code section 4301(f), Respondent committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption when she, while employed as a pharmacy technician at Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Windsor, CA and/or at Walgreens Pharmacy in Santa Rosa, CA in 2004 and 2005, refilled several prescriptions in her own name without prescriber authorization for controlled substances and dangerous drugs including Norco 10/325, Vicodin ES, Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750 (generic Vicodin ES), Ambien 10mg, and Carisoprodol 350mg (generic Soma), conspired with another pharmacy technician to do so, created false prescription documents for prescriptions of Carisoprodol 350mg (generic Soma), stole tablets of Vicodin ES from pharmacy stock, and received Vicodin ES tablets on an unauthorized refill.

## ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 38775, heretofore issued to Respondent Cynthia A. Garza, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined by statute.

This Decision shall become effective on March 9, 2007

It is so ORDERED February 7, 2007

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Ву

WILLIAM POWERS

Board President

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# Attachments:

Exhibit A:

Accusation No.3017, Related Documents, and Declaration of Service

Exhibit B:

Postal Return Documents

Exhibit C:

Accusation No.3017, Related Documents, and Declaration of Service (2<sup>nd</sup> service)

# Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3017, Related Documents and Declaration of Service

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11	CYNTHIA A. GARZA 21 Larkfield Maples Court	OAH No.	
12	Santa Rosa, CA 95403	ACCUSATION	
13	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 38775		
14	Respondent.		
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16	Complainant alleges:	• <u></u>	
17	PARTIE	<u>SS</u>	
18	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her officia		
19	capacity as Interim Executive Officer, Board of Pha	rmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
20	2. On or about August 16, 2001	, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy	
21	Technician License No. TCH 38775 to Cynthia A. C	Garza (Respondent). The License was in full	
22	force and effect at all times relevant to the charges b	prought herein and will expire on February	
23	28, 2007, unless renewed.		
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25	JURISDIC	<u>rion</u>	
26	3. This Accusation is brought be	efore the Board of Pharmacy (Board),	
27	Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authorit	ty of the following laws. All section	
28	references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.		

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"(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.

- 8. Section 4059 of the Code, in pertinent part, prohibits furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous device except upon the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 9. Section 4060 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished upon a valid prescription/drug order.
- 10. Section 4063 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no prescription for a dangerous drug may be refilled except upon authorization of the prescriber.
- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11158 provides, in pertinent part, that no controlled substance in Scheduled II-V may be dispensed without a prescription.
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provides that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or herself.
- 13. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), provides that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.
- 14. Health and Safety Code section 11350, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess certain Schedule I-III controlled substances, or any controlled substance in Schedules III-V which is a narcotic drug, unless upon written prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 15. Health and Safety Code section 11377, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess certain Schedule I-III controlled substances, or any controlled substance in Schedules III-V which is not a narcotic drug, unless upon written prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 16. 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 of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.

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21. **Soma** is a brand name for **carisoprodol**, a dangerous drug designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022, intended as a skeletal muscle relaxant. It is also known by its generic name **Carisoprodol 350mg**, designating the tablet/dosage amount.

# FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 22. From on or about November 4, 2001 until on or about February 24, 2005, Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, located in Windsor, CA (PHY 44126). Respondent was subsequently employed by Walgreens Pharmacy as a float pharmacy technician from on or about May 16, 2005 until on or about October 14, 2005, primarily working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722 (PHY 45955) located in Santa Rosa, CA.
- While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Norco 10/325** without proper authorization from the prescriber on June 11, 2004, July 20, 2004, and August 23, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 300 tablets of **Norco 10/325**.
- 24. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Vicodin ES** without proper authorization from the prescriber on July 30, 2004, December 29, 2004, and January 18, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 220 tablets **of Vicodin ES**.
- 25. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**) without proper authorization from the prescriber on December 6, 2004, January 8, 2005, and February 24, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 180 tablets of **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**).
- While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Ambien 10mg** without proper authorization from the prescriber on July 29, 2004, December 6, 2004, and December 31, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 90 tablets of **Ambien 10mg**.

- 27. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescription (prescription in her name) for **Carisoprodol 350mg** (generic **Soma**) without proper authorization from the prescriber on July 29, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 100 tablets of **Carisoprodol 350mg** (generic **Soma**).
- 28. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent created a false prescription document for Patient D.C.<sup>1</sup> for **Carisoprodol 350mg** (generic **Soma**), for 90 tablets with two refills of the same number of tablets, on October 26, 2004.
- 29. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent created a false prescription document for Patient D.C.<sup>1</sup> for **Carisoprodol 350mg** (generic **Soma**), for 90 tablets with three refills of the same number of tablets, on February 4, 2005.
- 30. While working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**) without proper authorization from the prescriber on August 3, 2005 and September 9, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 120 tablets of **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**).
- 31. While working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722, Respondent conspired with another pharmacy technician (M.P.)<sup>1</sup> to refill Respondent's own prescription (prescription in her name) for 60 tablets of **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**), without proper authorization from the prescriber, on September 23, 2005.
- 32. Respondent admitted that while at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722 she stole 3 tablets of **Vicodin ES**, and paid for/received 60 tablets of **Vicodin ES** on an unauthorized refill.

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Corruption)

33. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(f) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

<sup>1.</sup> A full name will be provided to Respondent as needed during discovery.

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#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Creation/Signature of False Documents)

34. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(g) of the Code in t Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, created and/or signed documents that sely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Furnishing/Dispensing of Controlled Substances / Dangerous Drugs)

35. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the de in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, isted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances didangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent furnished/dispensed to self or to others, without valid prescriptions, controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in plation of section 4059 of the Code and/or Health and Safety Code section 11158.

# FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances / Dangerous Drugs)

Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the 36. de in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, sisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances d dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent possessed, without valid prescriptions, controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in violation of section 4060 of the Code and/or Health and Safety Code sections 11350 and/or 11377.

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# FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Refills Without Prescriber Authorization)

37. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate,

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assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, without prescriber authorization, refilled and/or conspired to refill, prescriptions for controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in violation of section 4063 of the Code.

# SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Self-Furnishing of Controlled Subtances)

38. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11170, self-furnished controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs.

# SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtaining Controlled Substances by Fraud or Deceit)

39. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11173, obtained controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, subterfuge, or by the concealment of a material fact.

# EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

40. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 23-28 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

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# 1 **PRAYER** 2 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein 3 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issue a decision: Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License No. Number TCH 4 A. 5 38775, issued to Cynthia A. Garza (Respondent); 6 B. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board reasonable costs of investigation 7 and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; 8 Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. C. 9 10/31/06 DATED: 10 11 12 13 Interim Executive Officer 14 Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs 15 State of California Complainant 16 17 18 SF2006402253 19 40108378.wpd 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3017
12	CYNTHIA A. GARZA	STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT
13	Respondent.	[Gov. Code §§ 11504, 11505(b)]
14	respondent.	[007. code 38 11304, 11303(0)]
15	TO RESPONDENT:	
16		that has been filed with the Board of
17	Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs (1	
18		signed by you or on your behalf is delivered
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20	(15) days after a copy of the Accusation was person	•
21	be deemed to have waived your right to a hearing in	
22	the Accusation without a hearing and may take action	• • •
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24	The request for hearing may be made by delivering or mailing one of the enclosed forms antitled "Nation of Defense" or by delivering or mailing a Nation of Defense as provided	
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26	Joshua A. Room	
20 27	Deputy Attorney General 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 110	000
28	San Francisco, California 94102.	

You may, but need not, be represented by counsel at any or all stages of these proceedings.

The enclosed Notice of Defense, if signed and filed with the Board, shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the Accusation, but you will not be permitted to raise any objection to the form of the Accusation unless you file a further Notice of Defense as provided in section 11506 of the Government Code within fifteen (15) days after service of the Accusation on you.

If you file any Notice of Defense within the time permitted, a hearing will be held on the charges made in the Accusation.

The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are obliged to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 206, Oakland, California 94612, within ten (10) working days after you discover the good cause. Failure to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days will deprive you of a postponement.

Copies of sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 of the Government Code are enclosed.

If you desire the names and addresses of witnesses or an opportunity to inspect and copy the items mentioned in section 11507.6 of the Government Code in the possession, custody or control of the Board you may send a Request for Discovery to the above designated Deputy Attorney General.

# NOTICE REGARDING STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS

It may be possible to avoid the time, expense and uncertainties involved in an administrative hearing by disposing of this matter through a stipulated settlement. A stipulated settlement is a binding written agreement between you and the government regarding the matters charged and the discipline to be imposed. Such a stipulation would have to be approved by the Board of Pharmacy but, once approved, it would be incorporated into a final order.

Any stipulation must be consistent with the Board's established disciplinary guidelines; however, all matters in mitigation or aggravation will be considered. A copy of the

Board's Disciplinary Guidelines will be provided to you on your written request to the state agency bringing this action.

If you are interested in pursuing this alternative to a formal administrative hearing, or if you have any questions, you or your attorney should contact Deputy Attorney General Joshua A. Room at the earliest opportunity.

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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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	Respondent's Mailing Address		
	City, State and Zip Code		
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	Counsel's Telephone Number		

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the attorney's name, address and telephone number will be filed with the Office of
Administrative Hearing and a copy sent to counsel for Complainant so that counsel will be on
record to receive legal notices, pleadings and other papers.

The agency taking the action described in the Accusation may have formulated guidelines to assist the administrative law judge in reaching an appropriate penalty. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines by requesting them from the agency in writing.

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13	Respondent.	[Gov. Code § 11507.6]
14	TO RESPONDENT:	
15	Under section 11507.6 of the Govern	ment Code of the State of California, parties
16	to an administrative hearing, including the Complain	nant, are entitled to certain information
17	concerning the opposing party's case. A copy of the	provisions of section 11507.6 of the
18	Government Code concerning such rights is include	d among the papers served.
19	PURSUANT TO SECTION 11507.6	OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, YOU
20	ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO:	
21	1. Provide the names and addresses of v	vitnesses to the extent known to the
22	Respondent, including, but not limited to, those inte	nded to be called to testify at the hearing, and
23	2. Provide an opportunity for the Comp	lainant to inspect and make a copy of any of
24	the following in the possession or custody or under	control of the Respondent:
25	a. A statement of a person, othe	r than the Respondent, named in the initial
26	administrative pleading, or in any additional	pleading, when it is claimed that the act or
27	omission of the Respondent as to this person	is the basis for the administrative
28	proceeding;	

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b. A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or persons;

- c. Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the Respondent and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;
- d. All writings, including but not limited to reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the Respondent now proposes to offer in evidence;
- e. Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence, including but not limited to, any patient or hospital records pertaining to the persons named in the pleading;
- f. Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the Respondent pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this Request for Discovery, "statements" include written statements by the person, signed, or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that nothing in this Request for Discovery should be deemed to authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as attorney's work product.

1	Your response to this Request for Discovery should be directed to the undersigned		
2	attorney for the Complainant at the address on the first page of this Request for Discovery within		
3	30 days after service of the Accusation.		
4	Failure without substantial justification to comply with this Request for Discovery		
5	may subject the Respondent to sanctions pursuant to sections 11507.7 and 11455.10 to 11455.30		
6	of the Government Code.		
7	DATED: 11/20/06		
8	BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California		
9	FRANK H. PACOE		
10	Supervising Deputy Attorney General		
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13	JOSHUA A. ROOM  Deputy Attorney General		
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# COPY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11507.5, 11507.6 AND 11507.7 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11504 AND 11505

# SECTION 11507.5: Exclusivity of discovery provisions

The provisions of Section 11507.6 provide the exclusive right to and method of discovery as to any proceeding governed by this chapter.

# **SECTION 11507.6:** Request for discovery

After initiation of a proceeding in which a respondent or other party is entitled to a hearing on the merits, a party, upon written request made to another party, prior to the hearing and within 30 days after service by the agency of the initial pleading or within 15 days after the service of an additional pleading, is entitled to (1) obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the other party, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and (2) inspect and make a copy of any of the following in the possession or custody or under the control of the other party:

- (a) A statement of a person, other than the respondent, named in the initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or omission of the respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative proceeding;
- (b) A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or person;
- (c) Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the party and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;
- (d) All writings, including, but not limited to, reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the party then proposes to offer in evidence;
- (e) Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence;
- (f) Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the agency or other party pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

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Nothing in this section shall authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as the attorney's work product.

# SECTION 11507.7: Petition to compel discovery; Order; Sanctions

- (a) Any party claiming the party's request for discovery pursuant to Section 11507.6 has not been complied with may serve and file with the administrative law judge a motion to compel discovery, naming as respondent the party refusing or failing to comply with Section 11507.6. The motion shall state facts showing the respondent party failed or refused to comply with Section 11507.6, a description of the matters sought to be discovered, the reason or reasons why the matter is discoverable under that section, that a reasonable and good faith attempt to contact the respondent for an informal resolution of the issue has been made, and the ground or grounds of respondent's refusal so far as known to the moving party.
- (b) The motion shall be served upon respondent party and filed within 15 days after the respondent party first evidenced failure or refusal to comply with Section 11507.6 or within 30 days after request was made and the party has failed to reply to the request, or within another time provided by stipulation, whichever period is longer.
- (c) The hearing on the motion to compel discovery shall be held within 15 days after the motion is made, or a later time that the administrative law judge may on the judge's own motion for good cause determine. The respondent party shall have the right to serve and file a written answer or other response to the motion before or at the time of the hearing.
- (d) Where the matter sought to be discovered is under the custody or control of the respondent party and the respondent party asserts that the matter is not a discoverable matter under the provisions of Section 11507.6, or is privileged against disclosure under those provisions, the administrative law judge may order lodged with it matters provided in subdivision (b) of Section 915 of the Evidence Code and examine the matters in accordance with its provisions.
- (e) The administrative law judge shall decide the case on the matters examined in camera, the papers filed by the parties, and such oral argument and additional evidence as the administrative law judge may allow.
- (f) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, the administrative law judge shall no later than 15 days after the hearing make its order denying or granting the motion. The order shall be in writing setting forth the matters the moving party is entitled to discover under Section 11507.6. A copy of the order shall forthwith be served by mail by the administrative law judge upon the parties. Where the order grants the motion in whole or in part, the order shall not become effective until 10 days after the date the order is served. Where the order denies relief to the moving party, the order shall be effective on the date it is served.

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#### DECLARATION OF SERVICE

(Certified and First Class Mail)

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: *Cynthia A. Garza* Agency Case No. **3017** 

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On November 20, 2006, I served the attached Accusation, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense (2 copies), Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and return receipt requested, and another true copy of the <u>same</u> document(s) was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000, San Francisco, CA 94102-7004, addressed as follows:

CYNTHIA A. GARZA 21 Larkfield Maples Court Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on November 20, 2006 at San Francisco, California.

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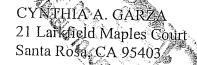
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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:  Case No. 3017		
11	CYNTHIA A. GARZA OAH No.		
12	21 Larkfield Maples Court Santa Rosa, CA 95403  ACCUSATION		
13	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 38775		
14	Respondent.		
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.16	Complainant alleges:		
17	PARTIES		
18	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official		
19	capacity as Interim Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
20	2. On or about August 16, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy		
21	Technician License No. TCH 38775 to Cynthia A. Garza (Respondent). The License was in full		
22	force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February		
23	28, 2007, unless renewed.		
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25	JURISDICTION		
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	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board),		
27	Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section		
28	references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.		

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21. **Soma** is a brand name for **carisoprodol**, a dangerous drug designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022, intended as a skeletal muscle relaxant. It is also known by its generic name **Carisoprodol 350mg**, designating the tablet/dosage amount.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 22. From on or about November 4, 2001 until on or about February 24, 2005, Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, located in Windsor, CA (PHY 44126). Respondent was subsequently employed by Walgreens Pharmacy as a float pharmacy technician from on or about May 16, 2005 until on or about October 14, 2005, primarily working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722 (PHY 45955) located in Santa Rosa, CA.
- 23. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Norco 10/325** without proper authorization from the prescriber on June 11, 2004, July 20, 2004, and August 23, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 300 tablets of **Norco 10/325**.
- 24. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Vicodin ES** without proper authorization from the prescriber on July 30, 2004, December 29, 2004, and January 18, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 220 tablets **of Vicodin ES**.
- 25. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**) without proper authorization from the prescriber on December 6, 2004, January 8, 2005, and February 24, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 180 tablets of **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**).
- 26. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Ambien 10mg** without proper authorization from the prescriber on July 29, 2004, December 6, 2004, and December 31, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 90 tablets of **Ambien 10mg**.

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	27.	While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her	
own prescript	tion (pre	scription in her name) for Carisoprodol 350mg (generic Soma) without	
proper author	ization 1	from the prescriber on July 29, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 100 tablets	
of Carisoprodol 350mg (generic Soma).			

- 28. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent created a false prescription document for Patient D.C. for **Carisoprodol 350mg** (generic **Soma**), for 90 tablets with two refills of the same number of tablets, on October 26, 2004.
- 29. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent created a false prescription document for Patient D.C.<sup>1</sup> for **Carisoprodol 350mg** (generic **Soma**), for 90 tablets with three refills of the same number of tablets, on February 4, 2005.
- 30. While working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**) without proper authorization from the prescriber on August 3, 2005 and September 9, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 120 tablets of **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**).
- 31. While working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722, Respondent conspired with another pharmacy technician (M.P.)<sup>1</sup> to refill Respondent's own prescription (prescription in her name) for 60 tablets of **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**), without proper authorization from the prescriber, on September 23, 2005.
- 32. Respondent admitted that while at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722 she stole 3 tablets of **Vicodin ES**, and paid for/received 60 tablets of **Vicodin ES** on an unauthorized refill.

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Corruption)

33. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(f) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

<sup>1.</sup> A full name will be provided to Respondent as needed during discovery.

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## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Creation/Signature of False Documents)

34. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(g) of the Code in nat Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, created and/or signed documents that alsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

## THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Furnishing/Dispensing of Controlled Substances / Dangerous Drugs)

35. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent furnished/dispensed to herself or to others, without valid prescriptions, controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in violation of section 4059 of the Code and/or Health and Safety Code section 11158.

# FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances / Dangerous Drugs)

36. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent possessed, without valid prescriptions, controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in violation of section 4060 of the Code and/or Health and Safety Code sections 11350 and/or 11377.

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#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Refills Without Prescriber Authorization)

37. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate,

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assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, without prescriber authorization, refilled and/or conspired to refill, prescriptions for controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in violation of section 4063 of the Code.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Self-Furnishing of Controlled Subtances)

38. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11170, self-furnished controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs.

## SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtaining Controlled Substances by Fraud or Deceit)

Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11173, obtained controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, subterfuge, or by the concealment of a material fact.

#### EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

40. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 23-28 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

# **PRAYER** WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issue a decision: Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License No. Number TCH 38775, issued to Cynthia A. Garza (Respondent); Ordering Respondent to pay the Board reasonable costs of investigation В. 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. C. 10/31/06 DATED: Interim Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant SF2006402253 40108378.wpd

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9	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3017
12	CYNTHIA A. GARZA STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT
13	Respondent. [Gov. Code §§ 11504, 11505(b)]
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15	TO RESPONDENT:
16	Enclosed is a copy of the Accusation that has been filed with the Board of
17	Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Board), and which is hereby served on you.
18	Unless a written request for a hearing signed by you or on your behalf is delivered
19	or mailed to the Board, represented by Deputy Attorney General Joshua A. Room, within fifteen
20	(15) days after a copy of the Accusation was personally served on you or mailed to you, you will
21	be deemed to have waived your right to a hearing in this matter and the Board may proceed upon
22	the Accusation without a hearing and may take action thereon as provided by law.
23	The request for hearing may be made by delivering or mailing one of the enclosed
24	forms entitled "Notice of Defense," or by delivering or mailing a Notice of Defense as provided
25	in section 11506 of the Government Code, to
26	Joshua A. Room
27	Deputy Attorney General 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000
28	San Francisco, California 94102.

You may, but need not, be represented by counsel at any or all stages of these proceedings.

The enclosed Notice of Defense, if signed and filed with the Board, shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the Accusation, but you will not be permitted to raise any objection to the form of the Accusation unless you file a further Notice of Defense as provided in section 11506 of the Government Code within fifteen (15) days after service of the Accusation on you.

If you file any Notice of Defense within the time permitted, a hearing will be held on the charges made in the Accusation.

The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are obliged to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 206, Oakland, California 94612, within ten (10) working days after you discover the good cause. Failure to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days will deprive you of a postponement.

Copies of sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 of the Government Code are enclosed.

If you desire the names and addresses of witnesses or an opportunity to inspect and copy the items mentioned in section 11507.6 of the Government Code in the possession, custody or control of the Board you may send a Request for Discovery to the above designated Deputy Attorney General.

#### NOTICE REGARDING STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS

It may be possible to avoid the time, expense and uncertainties involved in an administrative hearing by disposing of this matter through a stipulated settlement. A stipulated settlement is a binding written agreement between you and the government regarding the matters charged and the discipline to be imposed. Such a stipulation would have to be approved by the Board of Pharmacy but, once approved, it would be incorporated into a final order.

Any stipulation must be consistent with the Board's established disciplinary guidelines; however, all matters in mitigation or aggravation will be considered. A copy of the

Board's Disciplinary Guidelines will be provided to you on your written request to the state agency bringing this action.

If you are interested in pursuing this alternative to a formal administrative hearing, or if you have any questions, you or your attorney should contact Deputy Attorney General Joshua A. Room at the earliest opportunity.

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In the Matter of the Accusation Against:		Case No. 3017	
CYNTHIA A. GARZA		NOTICE OF DEFENSE	
·		Respondent.	[Gov. Code §§ 11505 and 11506]
		spondent; Gove	led proceeding, hereby acknowledge receipt of a rnment Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and copies of a Notice of Defense.
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	DATED:		
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	Respondent's Signature	***************************************	
	Respondent's Mailing Address		
	City, State and Zip Code		
	Respondent's Telephone Number	*	
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	I do not consent to electronic repo	orting.	
	The hearing in this case will be electronically reported/recorded, unless you check the above-left box to indicate that you do not consent to electronic recording, in which case the hearing will be reported by a stenographic reporter. If you do not check this box, you may withdraw your consent to electronic recording at any point up to fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date set for hearing, by a written statement served on the Office of Administrative Hearings and on counsel for Complainant. If the box is not checked, and no written withdrawal of consent is served on the Office of Administrative Hearing and on counsel for Complainant by fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the hearing, you waive any right to stenographic reporting.		
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The agency taking the action described in the Accusation may have formulated guidelines to assist the administrative law judge in reaching an appropriate penalty. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines by requesting them from the agency in writing.

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CYNTHIA A. GARZA	NOTICE OF DEFENSE	
Respondent.	[Gov. Code §§ 11505 and 11506]	
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I hereby request a hearing to permit me to prese Accusation.	ent my defense to the charges contained in the	
DATED:		
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Respondent's Signature		
Respondent's Mailing Address		
City, State and Zip Code		
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The hearing in this case will be electronically reported/recorded, unless you check the above-left box to indicate that you do not consent to electronic recording, in which case the hearing will be reported by a stenographic reporter. If you do not check this box, you may withdraw your consent to electronic recording at any point up to fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date set for hearing, by a written statement served on the Office of Administrative Hearings and on counsel for Complainant. If the box is not checked, and no written withdrawal of consent is served on the Office of Administrative Hearing and on counsel for Complainant by fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the hearing, you waive any right to stenographic reporting.		
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Counsel's Name		
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12	CYNTHIA A. GARZA	REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY
13	Respondent.	[Gov. Code § 11507.6]
14	TO RESPONDENT:	
15	Under section 11507.6 of the Govern	nment Code of the State of California, parties
16	to an administrative hearing, including the Complainant, are entitled to certain information	
17	concerning the opposing party's case. A copy of the provisions of section 11507.6 of the	
18	Government Code concerning such rights is include	ed among the papers served.
19	PURSUANT TO SECTION 11507.6 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, YOU	
20	ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO:	
21	1. Provide the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the	
22	Respondent, including, but not limited to, those interesting	ended to be called to testify at the hearing, and
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- b. A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or persons;
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- e. Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence, including but not limited to, any patient or hospital records pertaining to the persons named in the pleading;
- f. Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the Respondent pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this Request for Discovery, "statements" include written statements by the person, signed, or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that nothing in this Request for Discovery should be deemed to authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as attorney's work product.

1	Your response to this Request for Discovery should be directed to the undersigned	
2	attorney for the Complainant at the address on the first page of this Request for Discovery within	
3	30 days after service of the Accusation.	
4	Failure without substantial justification to comply with this Request for Discover	
5	may subject the Respondent to sanctions pursuant to sections 11507.7 and 11455.10 to 11455.30	
6	of the Government Code.	
7	DATED: 1/20/06	
8	BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California	
9	FRANK H. PACOE Supervising Deputy Attorney General	
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# COPY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11507.5, 11507.6 AND 11507.7 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11504 AND 11505

#### SECTION 11507.5: Exclusivity of discovery provisions

The provisions of Section 11507.6 provide the exclusive right to and method of discovery as to any proceeding governed by this chapter.

#### SECTION 11507.6: Request for discovery

After initiation of a proceeding in which a respondent or other party is entitled to a hearing on the merits, a party, upon written request made to another party, prior to the hearing and within 30 days after service by the agency of the initial pleading or within 15 days after the service of an additional pleading, is entitled to (1) obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the other party, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and (2) inspect and make a copy of any of the following in the possession or custody or under the control of the other party:

- (a) A statement of a person, other than the respondent, named in the initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or omission of the respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative proceeding;
- (b) A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or person;
- (c) Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the party and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;
- (d) All writings, including, but not limited to, reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the party then proposes to offer in evidence;
- (e) Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence;
- (f) Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the agency or other party pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this section, "statements" include written statements by the person signed or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

Nothing in this section shall authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as the attorney's work product.

#### SECTION 11507.7: Petition to compel discovery; Order; Sanctions

- (a) Any party claiming the party's request for discovery pursuant to Section 11507.6 has not been complied with may serve and file with the administrative law judge a motion to compel discovery, naming as respondent the party refusing or failing to comply with Section 11507.6. The motion shall state facts showing the respondent party failed or refused to comply with Section 11507.6, a description of the matters sought to be discovered, the reason or reasons why the matter is discoverable under that section, that a reasonable and good faith attempt to contact the respondent for an informal resolution of the issue has been made, and the ground or grounds of respondent's refusal so far as known to the moving party.
- (b) The motion shall be served upon respondent party and filed within 15 days after the respondent party first evidenced failure or refusal to comply with Section 11507.6 or within 30 days after request was made and the party has failed to reply to the request, or within another time provided by stipulation, whichever period is longer.
- (c) The hearing on the motion to compel discovery shall be held within 15 days after the motion is made, or a later time that the administrative law judge may on the judge's own motion for good cause determine. The respondent party shall have the right to serve and file a written answer or other response to the motion before or at the time of the hearing.
- (d) Where the matter sought to be discovered is under the custody or control of the respondent party and the respondent party asserts that the matter is not a discoverable matter under the provisions of Section 11507.6, or is privileged against disclosure under those provisions, the administrative law judge may order lodged with it matters provided in subdivision (b) of Section 915 of the Evidence Code and examine the matters in accordance with its provisions.
- (e) The administrative law judge shall decide the case on the matters examined in camera, the papers filed by the parties, and such oral argument and additional evidence as the administrative law judge may allow.
- (f) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, the administrative law judge shall no later than 15 days after the hearing make its order denying or granting the motion. The order shall be in writing setting forth the matters the moving party is entitled to discover under Section 11507.6. A copy of the order shall forthwith be served by mail by the administrative law judge upon the parties. Where the order grants the motion in whole or in part, the order shall not become effective until 10 days after the date the order is served. Where the order denies relief to the moving party, the order shall be effective on the date it is served.

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#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

(Certified and First Class Mail)

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Cynthia A. Garza Agency Case No. 3017

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On November 20, 2006, I served the attached Accusation, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense (2 copies), Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and return receipt requested, and another true copy of the <a href="mailto:same">same</a> document(s) was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000, San Francisco, CA 94102-7004, addressed as follows:

CYNTHIA A. GARZA 21 Larkfield Maples Court Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Certified Article Number

7160 3901 9849 2870 8709 SENDERS RECORD

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on November 20, 2006 at San Francisco, California.

FE M. DOMINGO

Typed Name

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Exhibit C

Accusation No. 3017, Related Documents and Declaration of Service (Second Service)

1	BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General	
2	of the State of California JOSHUA A. ROOM, State Bar No. 214663	
3	Deputy Attorney General California Department of Justice	
4	455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000 San Francisco, CA 94102-7004	
5	Telephone: (415) 703-1299 Facsimile: (415) 703-5480	
6	Attorneys for Complainant	
7	BEFORE	
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9	STATE OF CAL	JIFORNIA
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3017
11	CYNTHIA A. GARZA	OAH No.
12	21 Larkfield Maples Court Santa Rosa, CA 95403	ACCUSATION
13	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 38775	
14	Respondent.	
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16.	Complainant alleges:	•
17	PARTIE	<u>ES</u>
18	1. Virginia Herold (Complainan	t) brings this Accusation solely in her officia
19	capacity as Interim Executive Officer, Board of Pha	rmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
20	2. On or about August 16, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy	
21	Technician License No. TCH 38775 to Cynthia A. Garza (Respondent). The License was in ful	
22	force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February	
23	28, 2007, unless renewed.	
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25	JURISDICT	<u> </u>
26	3. This Accusation is brought be	efore the Board of Pharmacy (Board),
27	Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authorit	ty of the following laws. All section
28	references are to the Business and Professions Code	e (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

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"(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.

8. Section 4059 of the Code, in pertinent part, prohibits furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous device except upon the prescription of an authorized prescriber.

- 9. Section 4060 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished upon a valid prescription/drug order.
- 10. Section 4063 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no prescription for a dangerous drug may be refilled except upon authorization of the prescriber.
- Health and Safety Code section 11158 provides, in pertinent part, that no controlled substance in Scheduled II-V may be dispensed without a prescription.
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provides that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or herself.
- Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), provides that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.
- 14. Health and Safety Code section 11350, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess certain Schedule I-III controlled substances, or any controlled substance in Schedules III-V which is a narcotic drug, unless upon written prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 15. Health and Safety Code section 11377, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess certain Schedule I-III controlled substances, or any controlled substance in Schedules III-V which is not a narcotic drug, unless upon written prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 16. 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 of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.

1	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS
2	17. Section 4021 of the Code states:
3	"Controlled substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing
4	with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code."
5	18. Section 4022 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
6	"'Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for
7	self-use, except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following:
8	"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing
9	without prescription,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import.
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11	"(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully
12	dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."
13	19. Norco, Vicodin, Vicodin ES, Lortab, and Lorcet are brand names for
14	compounds of varying dosages of acetaminophen (aka APAP) and hydrocodone, a Schedule III
15	controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4) and dangerous
16	drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. These varying compounds
17	are also known generically as Hydrocodone with APAP. These are narcotic drugs.
18	As is pertinent here:
19	a. Norco 10/325 is a brand name for a compound combining 10 mg
20	hydrocodone with 325 mg acetaminophen (APAP).
21	b. Vicodin ES is a brand name for a compound combining 7.5 mg
22	hydrocodone with 750 mg acetaminophen (APAP).
23	c. <b>Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750</b> is the generic equivalent of <b>Vicodin</b>
24	ES, i.e., a compound combining 7.5 mg hydrocodone with 750 mg acetaminophen (APAP).
25	20. Ambien is a brand name for zolpidem tartrate, a Schedule IV controlled
26	substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(32) and a dangerous drug as
27	designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a depressant drug. It is sold in
28	either 5mg or 10mg tablets, thus <b>Ambien 10mg</b> designates the latter dosage.

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21. **Soma** is a brand name for **carisoprodol**, a dangerous drug designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022, intended as a skeletal muscle relaxant. It is also known by its generic name **Carisoprodol 350mg**, designating the tablet/dosage amount.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 22. From on or about November 4, 2001 until on or about February 24, 2005, Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, located in Windsor, CA (PHY 44126). Respondent was subsequently employed by Walgreens Pharmacy as a float pharmacy technician from on or about May 16, 2005 until on or about October 14, 2005, primarily working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722 (PHY 45955) located in Santa Rosa, CA.
- 23. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Norco 10/325** without proper authorization from the prescriber on June 11, 2004, July 20, 2004, and August 23, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 300 tablets of **Norco 10/325**.
- 24. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Vicodin ES** without proper authorization from the prescriber on July 30, 2004, December 29, 2004, and January 18, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 220 tablets **of Vicodin ES**.
- 25. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**) without proper authorization from the prescriber on December 6, 2004, January 8, 2005, and February 24, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 180 tablets of **Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750** (generic **Vicodin ES**).
- 26. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for **Ambien 10mg** without proper authorization from the prescriber on July 29, 2004, December 6, 2004, and December 31, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 90 tablets of **Ambien 10mg**.

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27	While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent refilled her
own prescription	(prescription in her name) for Carisoprodol 350mg (generic Soma) without
proper authorizati	on from the prescriber on July 29, 2004, thereby acquiring a total of 100 tablets
of Carisoprodol	350mg (generic Soma).

- 28. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent created a false prescription document for Patient D.C. for Carisoprodol 350mg (generic Soma), for 90 tablets with two refills of the same number of tablets, on October 26, 2004.
- 29. While working at Wal-Mart Pharmacy 10-2553, Respondent created a false prescription document for Patient D.C. for Carisoprodol 350mg (generic Soma), for 90 tablets with three refills of the same number of tablets, on February 4, 2005.
- 30. While working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722, Respondent refilled her own prescriptions (prescriptions in her name) for Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750 (generic Vicodin ES) without proper authorization from the prescriber on August 3, 2005 and September 9, 2005, thereby acquiring a total of 120 tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750 (generic Vicodin ES).
- While working at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722, Respondent conspired with 31. another pharmacy technician (M.P.) to refill Respondent's own prescription (prescription in her name) for 60 tablets of Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750 (generic Vicodin ES), without proper authorization from the prescriber, on September 23, 2005.
- Respondent admitted that while at Walgreens Pharmacy 6722 she stole 3 32. tablets of Vicodin ES, and paid for/received 60 tablets of Vicodin ES on an unauthorized refill.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Corruption)

33. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(f) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

1. A full name will be provided to Respondent as needed during discovery.

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1	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
2	(Creation/Signature of False Documents)
3	34. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(g) of the Code in
4	that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, created and/or signed documents that
5	falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.
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7	THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
8	(Unlawful Furnishing/Dispensing of Controlled Substances / Dangerous Drugs)
9	35. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the
10	Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate,
11	assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances
12	and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent furnished/dispensed to
13	herself or to others, without valid prescriptions, controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in
14	violation of section 4059 of the Code and/or Health and Safety Code section 11158.
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16	FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
17	(Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances / Dangerous Drugs)
18	36. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the
19	Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate,
20	assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances
21	and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent possessed, without
22	valid prescriptions, controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in violation of section 4060 of
23	the Code and/or Health and Safety Code sections 11350 and/or 11377.
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25	FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
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(Unlawful Refills Without Prescriber Authorization)

37. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate,

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and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, without prescriber authorization, refilled and/or conspired to refill, prescriptions for controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, in violation of section 4063 of the Code.

#### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances

(Unlawful Self-Furnishing of Controlled Subtances)

38. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11170, self-furnished controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

15 (Obtaining Controlled Substances by Fraud or Deceit)

39. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 22-31 above, violated, attempted to violate, assisted in or abetted violation of or conspired to violate laws regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or laws governing pharmacy, when Respondent, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11173, obtained controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, subterfuge, or by the concealment of a material fact.

#### EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

40. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 23-28 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

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# 1 **PRAYER** 2 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issue a decision: 3 Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License No. Number TCH 4 A. 5 38775, issued to Cynthia A. Garza (Respondent); 6 В. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board reasonable costs of investigation 7 and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; 8 C. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 9 10/31/06 10 DATED: 11 12 13 Interim Executive Officer 14 Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs 15 State of California Complainant 16 17 18 SF2006402253 19 40108378.wpd 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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1 2	BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California FRANK H. PACOE			
3	Supervising Deputy Attorney General   JOSHUA A. ROOM, State Bar No. 214663			
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9	BOARD OF PHA DEPARTMENT OF CON	ARMACY		
10	STATE OF CAL			
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3017		
12	CYNTHIA A. GARZA	STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT		
13	Respondent.	[Gov. Code §§ 11504, 11505(b)]		
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15	TO RESPONDENT:			
16	Enclosed is a copy of the Accusation	that has been filed with the Board of		
17	Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs (I	Board), and which is hereby served on you.		
18	Unless a written request for a hearing	signed by you or on your behalf is delivered		
19	or mailed to the Board, represented by Deputy Attor	ney General Joshua A. Room, within fifteen		
20	(15) days after a copy of the Accusation was personally served on you or mailed to you, you will			
21	be deemed to have waived your right to a hearing in this matter and the Board may proceed upon			
22	the Accusation without a hearing and may take action thereon as provided by law.			
23	The request for hearing may be made by delivering or mailing one of the enclosed			
24	forms entitled "Notice of Defense," or by delivering or mailing a Notice of Defense as provided			
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26	Joshua A. Room			
27	Deputy Attorney General 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 110	000		
28	San Francisco, California 94102.			

You may, but need not, be represented by counsel at any or all stages of these proceedings.

The enclosed Notice of Defense, if signed and filed with the Board, shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the Accusation, but you will not be permitted to raise any objection to the form of the Accusation unless you file a further Notice of Defense as provided in section 11506 of the Government Code within fifteen (15) days after service of the Accusation on you.

If you file any Notice of Defense within the time permitted, a hearing will be held on the charges made in the Accusation.

The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are obliged to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 206, Oakland, California 94612, within ten (10) working days after you discover the good cause. Failure to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days will deprive you of a postponement.

Copies of sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 of the Government Code are enclosed.

If you desire the names and addresses of witnesses or an opportunity to inspect and copy the items mentioned in section 11507.6 of the Government Code in the possession, custody or control of the Board you may send a Request for Discovery to the above designated Deputy Attorney General.

#### NOTICE REGARDING STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS

It may be possible to avoid the time, expense and uncertainties involved in an administrative hearing by disposing of this matter through a stipulated settlement. A stipulated settlement is a binding written agreement between you and the government regarding the matters charged and the discipline to be imposed. Such a stipulation would have to be approved by the Board of Pharmacy but, once approved, it would be incorporated into a final order.

Any stipulation must be consistent with the Board's established disciplinary guidelines; however, all matters in mitigation or aggravation will be considered. A copy of the

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Board's Disciplinary Guidelines will be provided to you on your written request to the state agency bringing this action.

If you are interested in pursuing this alternative to a formal administrative hearing, or if you have any questions, you or your attorney should contact Deputy Attorney General Joshua A. Room at the earliest opportunity.

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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. 3017		
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	City, State and Zip Code				
	Counsel's Telephone Number				

I am not now represented by counsel. If and when counsel is returned, immediate notification of
the attorney's name, address and telephone number will be filed with the Office of
Administrative Hearing and a copy sent to counsel for Complainant so that counsel will be on
record to receive legal notices, pleadings and other papers.

The agency taking the action described in the Accusation may have formulated guidelines to assist the administrative law judge in reaching an appropriate penalty. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines by requesting them from the agency in writing.

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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. 3017		
CYNTHIA A. GARZA		NOTICE OF DEFENSE		
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	I do not consent to electronic reporting.			
	The hearing in this case will be electronically reported/recorded, unless you check the above-left box to indicate that you do not consent to electronic recording, in which case the hearing will be reported by a stenographic reporter. If you do not check this box, you may withdraw your consent to electronic recording at any point up to fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date set for hearing, by a written statement served on the Office of Administrative Hearings and on counsel for Complainant. If the box is not checked, and no written withdrawal of consent is served on the Office of Administrative Hearing and on counsel for Complainant by fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the hearing, you waive any right to stenographic reporting.			
	I am represented by counsel, whose name, addre Counsel's Name	ss and telephone number appear below:		
	Counsel's Mailing Address			
	City, State and Zip Code			
	Counsel's Telephone Number			

I am not now represented by counsel. If and when counsel is required, immediate notification of			
the attorney's name, address and telephone number will be filed with the Office of			
Administrative Hearing and a copy sent to counsel for Complainant so that counsel will be on			
record to receive legal notices, pleadings and other papers.			

The agency taking the action described in the Accusation may have formulated guidelines to assist the administrative law judge in reaching an appropriate penalty. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines by requesting them from the agency in writing.

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3	JOSHUA A. ROOM, State Bar No. 214663 Deputy Attorney General	,			
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7	Attorneys for Complainant				
8	BEFORE THE				
9	BOARD OF PHARM DEPARTMENT OF CONSUM STATE OF CALIFO	MER AFFAIRS			
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11		Case No. 3017			
12		REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY			
13		Gov. Code § 11507.6]			
14	TO RESPONDENT:				
15	Under section 11507.6 of the Government	at Code of the State of California, parties			
16	to an administrative hearing, including the Complainant, are entitled to certain information				
17	concerning the opposing party's case. A copy of the pro	visions of section 11507.6 of the			
18	Government Code concerning such rights is included an	nong the papers served.			
19	PURSUANT TO SECTION 11507.6 OF	THE GOVERNMENT CODE, YOU			
20	ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO:				
21	1. Provide the names and addresses of witne	1. Provide the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the			
22	Respondent, including, but not limited to, those intended	d to be called to testify at the hearing, and			
23	2. Provide an opportunity for the Complain	ant to inspect and make a copy of any of			
24	the following in the possession or custody or under control of the Respondent:				
25	a. A statement of a person, other that	in the Respondent, named in the initial			
26	administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or				
27	omission of the Respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative				
28	proceeding;				

- b. A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or persons;
- c. Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the Respondent and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;
- d. All writings, including but not limited to reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the Respondent now proposes to offer in evidence;
- e. Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence, including but not limited to, any patient or hospital records pertaining to the persons named in the pleading;
- f. Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the Respondent pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this Request for Discovery, "statements" include written statements by the person, signed, or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that nothing in this Request for Discovery should be deemed to authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as attorney's work product.

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1	Your response to this Request for Discovery should be directed to the undersigned				
2	attorney for the Complainant at the address on the first page of this Request for Discovery within				
3	30 days after service of the Accusation.				
4	Failure without substantial justification to comply with this Request for Discovery				
. 5	may subject the Respondent to sanctions pursuant to sections 11507.7 and 11455.10 to 11455.30				
6	of the Government Code.				
7	DATED: 1/30/06				
8	BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California				
9	FRANK H. PACOE				
10	Supervising Deputy Attorney General				
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# COPY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11507.5, 11507.6 AND 11507.7 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11504 AND 11505

#### SECTION 11507.5: Exclusivity of discovery provisions

The provisions of Section 11507.6 provide the exclusive right to and method of discovery as to any proceeding governed by this chapter.

#### SECTION 11507.6: Request for discovery

After initiation of a proceeding in which a respondent or other party is entitled to a hearing on the merits, a party, upon written request made to another party, prior to the hearing and within 30 days after service by the agency of the initial pleading or within 15 days after the service of an additional pleading, is entitled to (1) obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the other party, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and (2) inspect and make a copy of any of the following in the possession or custody or under the control of the other party:

- (a) A statement of a person, other than the respondent, named in the initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or omission of the respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative proceeding;
- (b) A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or person;
- (c) Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the party and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;
- (d) All writings, including, but not limited to, reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the party then proposes to offer in evidence;
- (e) Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence;
- (f) Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the agency or other party pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this section, "statements" include written statements by the person signed or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

Nothing in this section shall authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as the attorney's work product.

#### SECTION 11507.7: Petition to compel discovery; Order; Sanctions

- (a) Any party claiming the party's request for discovery pursuant to Section 11507.6 has not been complied with may serve and file with the administrative law judge a motion to compel discovery, naming as respondent the party refusing or failing to comply with Section 11507.6. The motion shall state facts showing the respondent party failed or refused to comply with Section 11507.6, a description of the matters sought to be discovered, the reason or reasons why the matter is discoverable under that section, that a reasonable and good faith attempt to contact the respondent for an informal resolution of the issue has been made, and the ground or grounds of respondent's refusal so far as known to the moving party.
- (b) The motion shall be served upon respondent party and filed within 15 days after the respondent party first evidenced failure or refusal to comply with Section 11507.6 or within 30 days after request was made and the party has failed to reply to the request, or within another time provided by stipulation, whichever period is longer.
- (c) The hearing on the motion to compel discovery shall be held within 15 days after the motion is made, or a later time that the administrative law judge may on the judge's own motion for good cause determine. The respondent party shall have the right to serve and file a written answer or other response to the motion before or at the time of the hearing.
- (d) Where the matter sought to be discovered is under the custody or control of the respondent party and the respondent party asserts that the matter is not a discoverable matter under the provisions of Section 11507.6, or is privileged against disclosure under those provisions, the administrative law judge may order lodged with it matters provided in subdivision (b) of Section 915 of the Evidence Code and examine the matters in accordance with its provisions.
- (e) The administrative law judge shall decide the case on the matters examined in camera, the papers filed by the parties, and such oral argument and additional evidence as the administrative law judge may allow.
- (f) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, the administrative law judge shall no later than 15 days after the hearing make its order denying or granting the motion. The order shall be in writing setting forth the matters the moving party is entitled to discover under Section 11507.6. A copy of the order shall forthwith be served by mail by the administrative law judge upon the parties. Where the order grants the motion in whole or in part, the order shall not become effective until 10 days after the date the order is served. Where the order denies relief to the moving party, the order shall be effective on the date it is served.

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#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

(Certified and First Class Mail)

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: *Cynthia A. Garza* Agency Case No. 3017

I declare

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On November 30, 2006, I served the attached Accusation, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense (2 copies), Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and return receipt requested, and another true copy of the <u>same</u> document(s) was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000, San Francisco, CA 94102-7004, addressed as follows:

CYNTHIA A. GARZA P.O. Box 65831 Los Angeles, CA 90065

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SENDERS RECORD

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on November 30, 2006 at San Francisco, California.

FE M. DOMINGO

Typed Name

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