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

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:
12 **MICHELLE M. GARCIA**
8128 Valley Green Drive
13 Sacramento, California 95823
14 Pharmacy Technician Registration
No. TCH 36159
15
16 Respondent.

Case No. 3026
DEFAULT DECISION AND
ORDER
[Gov. Code, §11520]

17 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

18 1. On or about December 27, 2007, Complainant Virginia Herold, in her
19 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer
20 Affairs, filed Accusation No. 3026 against Michelle M. Garcia ("Respondent") before the
21 Director of Consumer Affairs.

22 **Pharmacy Technician Registration**

23 2. On or about May 17, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy
24 Technician Registration Number TCH 36159 to Michelle M. Garcia ("Respondent"). The
25 pharmacy technician license expired on March 31, 2008.

26 3. On or about January 11, 2008, Praveen K. Singh, an employee of the
27 Department of Justice, served by Certified and First Class Mail a copy of the Accusation No.
28 3026, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government

1 Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent at her addresses of record which
2 was and is 8128 Valley Green Drive, Sacramento, California 95823, and 8308 Auberry Drive,
3 Sacramento, California 95828. A copy of the Accusation, the related documents, and
4 Declarations of Service are attached as **Exhibit A**, and are incorporated herein by reference.

5 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the
6 provisions of Government Code section 124.

7 5. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

8 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the
9 respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific
10 denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice
11 of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the
12 agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

13 6. Respondent failed to file her Notice of Defense within 15 days after
14 service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of
15 Accusation No. 3026.

16 7. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

17 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at
18 the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express
19 admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without
20 any notice to respondent.

21 8. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the
22 Director finds Respondent is in default. The Director will take action without further hearing and
23 based on Respondent's express admissions by way of default and the evidence before it,
24 contained in **Exhibit A**, finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 3026 as to Respondent are
25 true.

26 9. The total costs for investigation and enforcement are \$4,482.50, as of
27 April 17, 2008.

28 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1 Respondent has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration Number
2 TCH 36159 to discipline.

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Exhibit A
Accusation No. 3026
Related Documents and Declaration of Service

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ACCUSATION

14 Pharmacy Technician Registration
No. TCH 36159

15 Respondent.

16 Virginia Herold ("Complainant") alleges:

17 **PARTIES**

18 1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the
19 Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.

20 **Pharmacy Technician Registration**

21 2. On or about May 17, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy
22 Technician Registration Number TCH 36159 to Michelle M. Garcia ("Respondent"). The
23 pharmacy technician license will expire on March 31, 2008, unless renewed.
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25 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

26 3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 4202, subdivision (d),
27 states that the Board may suspend or revoke a registration issued pursuant to this section on any
28 ground specified in Section 4301.

1 4. Code section 4300 states, in pertinent part:

2 (a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.

3 (b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board,
4 whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and
found guilty, by any of the following methods:

5 (1) Suspending judgment.

6 (2) Placing him or her upon probation.

7 (3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one
8 year.

9 (4) Revoking his or her license.

10 (5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the
board in its discretion may deem proper.

11 5. Code section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

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

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

17 (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state or of the United States
regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs . . .

18 (l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications,
19 functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of
a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the
20 United States Code regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be
conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of
21 conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction
occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the
22 commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of
a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine
23 if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications,
functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty
24 or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction
within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time
25 for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal
or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of
26 sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal
Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea
27 of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation,
information, or indictment.

1 6. Code section 4060 states, in pertinent part:

2 No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to
3 a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian,
4 or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant
5 to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1, or a physician
6 assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1. This section shall not apply to the
7 possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy,
8 physician, podiatrist, dentist, veterinarian, certified nurse-midwife, nurse
9 practitioner, or physician assistant, when in stock in containers correctly labeled
10 with the name and address of the supplier or producer.

11 7. Health and Safety Code section 11170 states that no person shall prescribe,
12 administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself.

13 8. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), states:

14 (a) No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or
15 procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled
16 substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the
17 concealment of a material fact.

18 9. Health and Safety Code section 11350, subdivision (a), states:

19 Except as otherwise provided in this division, every person who possesses
20 any controlled substance specified in subdivision (b), (c), or (e), or paragraph (1)
21 of subdivision (f) of Section 11054, specified in paragraph (14), (15), or (20) of
22 subdivision (d) of Section 11054, or specified in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section
23 11055, or specified in subdivision (h) of Section 11056, or (2) any controlled
24 substance classified in Schedule III, IV, or V which is a narcotic drug, unless upon
25 the written prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian licensed
26 to practice in this state, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison.

27 10. Health and Safety Code section 11352, subdivision (a), states:

28 Except as otherwise provided in this division, every person who transports,
 imports into this state, sells, furnishes, administers, or gives away, or offers to
 transport, import into this state, sell, furnish, administer, or give away, or attempts
 to import into this state or transport (1) any controlled substance specified in
 subdivision (b), (c), or (e), or paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 11054,
 specified in paragraph (14), (15), or (20) of subdivision (d) of Section 11054, or
 specified in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 11055, or specified in subdivision (h)
 of Section 11056, or (2) any controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV, or
 V which is a narcotic drug, unless upon the written prescription of a physician,
 dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian licensed to practice in this state, shall be
 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, four, or five years.

COST RECOVERY

 11. Code section 125.3 states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations

1 of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
2 enforcement of the case.

3 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

4 12. "Hydrocodone" is a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by
5 Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (e)(4), and a dangerous drug under Code
6 section 4022 in that under federal and state law it requires a prescription.

7 FACTUAL BACKGROUND

8 13. In or about June 2006, the Data Mining Department for Kaiser South,
9 located on Bruceville Drive, Sacramento, California, detected losses of hydrocodone, a
10 controlled substance. An audit revealed that the hydrocodone had been taken from the Kaiser 2
11 Refill department as far back as May 2005. In or about June and July 2006, inventories of
12 hydrocodone 10 mg tablets and 7.5 mg tablets were conducted three times per day; however, the
13 thefts continued. On or about July 13, 2006, a camera was installed overlooking the
14 hydrocodone storage bin and the prescription filling/preparation areas. Respondent was
15 videotaped on six separate occasions, while on duty as a licensed pharmacy technician, stealing
16 bottles of hydrocodone 10 mg tablets and 7.5 mg tablets.

17 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

19 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section
20 4301, subdivision (f), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that from approximately
21 December 2005, through July 2006, while on duty as a pharmacy technician at Kaiser 2 Refill,
22 Kaiser South, Respondent committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or
23 corruption. Respondent dishonestly or fraudulently appropriated or diverted approximately 3200
24 hydrocodone 10 mg tablets belonging to the hospital pharmacy.

25 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

26 (Violations of State Laws Regulating Controlled Substances)

27 15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section
28 4301, subdivision (j), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that from approximately

1 December 2005, through July 2006, while on duty as a pharmacy technician at Kaiser 2 Refill,
2 Kaiser South, Respondent violated the following state laws regulating controlled substances:

3 a. Respondent possessed unknown quantities of the controlled substance
4 hydrocodone, without a lawful prescription for the medication from a physician, dentist,
5 podiatrist, optometrist, or veterinarian, in violation of Code section 4060 and Health and Safety
6 Code section 11350.

7 b. Respondent self-administered and/or furnished the controlled substance
8 hydrocodone for herself, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11170.

9 c. Respondent furnished the controlled substance hydrocodone to her
10 husband, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11352, subdivision (a).

11 d. Respondent obtained unknown quantities of the controlled substance
12 hydrocodone by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or subterfuge by removing the drug from
13 pharmacy supplies, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a).

14 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 **(Criminal Conviction)**

16 16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section
17 4301, subdivision (I), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on or about
18 February 5, 2007, in the criminal proceeding entitled *People vs. Michelle Margaret Garcia*
19 (Super Ct., Sacramento Cty., 2006, No. 06F08013), Respondent was convicted by the court on
20 her plea of nolo contendere to one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section
21 11173, subdivision (a) (unlawfully obtain and attempt to obtain a controlled substance, to wit,
22 hydrocodone and did procure and attempt to procure the administration of and prescription for
23 said controlled substance by fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation), a crime substantially related to
24 the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed pharmacy technician.

25 17. The circumstances of the crime are that from approximately December 1,
26 2005, through August 3, 2006, Respondent took hydrocodone from the Kaiser 2 Refill, Kaiser
27 South, as more particularly set forth in paragraphs 13 through 15, above.

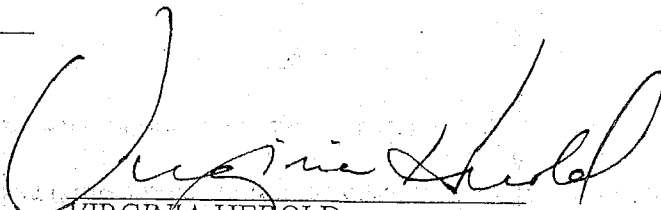
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1 PRAYER

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

- 4 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number
5 TCH 36159, issued to Michelle M. Garcia;
- 6 2. Ordering Michelle M. Garcia to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable
7 costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,
- 8 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

9 DATED: 12/27/07

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12 VIRGINIA HEROLD
13 Executive Officer
14 Board of Pharmacy
15 Department of Consumer Affairs
16 State of California
17 Complainant
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STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT

[Gov. Code §§ 11504, 11505(b)]

14 Pharmacy Technician Registration
15 No. TCH 36159

16 Respondent

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18 TO RESPONDENT:

19 Enclosed is a copy of the Accusation that has been filed with the Board of
20 Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Board), and which is hereby served on you.

21 Unless a written request for a hearing signed by you or on your behalf is delivered
22 or mailed to the Board, represented by Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey M. Phillips, within
23 fifteen (15) days after a copy of the Accusation was personally served on you or mailed to you,
24 you will be deemed to have waived your right to a hearing in this matter and the Board may
25 proceed upon the Accusation without a hearing and may take action thereon as provided by law.

26 The request for hearing may be made by delivering or mailing one of the enclosed
27 forms entitled "Notice of Defense," or by delivering or mailing a Notice of Defense as provided
28 in section 11506 of the Government Code, to

1 Jeffrey M. Phillips
2 Deputy Attorney General
3 1300 I Street, Suite 125
4 P.O. Box 944255
5 Sacramento, California 94244-2550.

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

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

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

15 The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are
16 obliged to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, Attn: General Jurisdiction, 2349
17 Gateway Oaks, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833-4231, within ten (10) working days after you
18 discover the good cause. Failure to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10)
19 days will deprive you of a postponement.

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

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

26 **NOTICE REGARDING STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS**

27 It may be possible to avoid the time, expense and uncertainties involved in an
28 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

1 charged and the discipline to be imposed. Such a stipulation would have to be approved by the
2 Board of Pharmacy but, once approved, it would be incorporated into a final order.


3 Any stipulation must be consistent with the Board's established disciplinary
4 guidelines; however, all matters in mitigation or aggravation will be considered. A copy of the
5 Board's Disciplinary Guidelines will be provided to you on your written request to the state
6 agency bringing this action.

7 If you are interested in pursuing this alternative to a formal administrative hearing,
8 or if you have any questions, you or your attorney should contact Deputy Attorney General
9 Jeffrey M. Phillips at the earliest opportunity.

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11 DATED: 1/11/08

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REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY

[Gov. Code § 11507.6]

14 Pharmacy Technician Registration
15 No. TCH 36159

Respondent.

18 TO RESPONDENT:

19 Under section 11507.6 of the Government Code of the State of California, parties
20 to an administrative hearing, including the Complainant, are entitled to certain information
21 concerning the opposing party's case. A copy of the provisions of section 11507.6 of the
22 Government Code concerning such rights is included among the papers served.

24 PURSUANT TO SECTION 11507.6 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, YOU
25 ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO:

- 26 1. Provide the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the
27 Respondent, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and

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1 2. Provide an opportunity for the Complainant to inspect and make a copy of any of
2 the following in the possession or custody or under control of the Respondent:

3 a. A statement of a person, other than the Respondent, named in the initial
4 administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or
5 omission of the Respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative
6 proceeding;

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

9 c. Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the Respondent and
10 of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the
11 basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;

12 d. All writings, including but not limited to reports of mental, physical and
13 blood examinations and things which the Respondent now proposes to offer in evidence;

14 e. Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be
15 admissible in evidence, including but not limited to, any patient or hospital records
16 pertaining to the persons named in the pleading;

17 f. Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the Respondent pertaining to
18 the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names
19 and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts,
20 omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters
21 perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or
22 include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or
23 summary thereof.

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

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


5 Your response to this Request for Discovery should be directed to the undersigned
6 attorney for the Complainant at the address on the first page of this Request for Discovery **within**
7 **30 days after service** of the Accusation.

8 Failure without substantial justification to comply with this Request for Discovery
9 may subject the Respondent to sanctions pursuant to sections 11507.7 and 11455.10 to 11455.30
10 of the Government Code.

11 DATED: 1/11/08

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NOTICE OF DEFENSE

[Gov. Code §§ 11505 and 11506]

I, the undersigned Respondent in the above-entitled proceeding, hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Accusation; Statement to Respondent; Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7, Complainant's Request for Discovery; and two copies of a Notice of Defense.

I hereby request a hearing to permit me to present my defense to the charges contained in the Accusation.

DATED: _____

Respondent's Name _____

Respondent's Signature _____

Respondent's Mailing Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Respondent's Telephone Number _____

Check appropriate box:

- I am represented by counsel, whose name, address and telephone number appear below:

Counsel's Name _____

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 retained, 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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**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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Board of Pharmacy Case No.: **3026**

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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 January 11, 2008, at Sacramento, California.

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