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

In the Matter of the Accusation Again
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Case No. 3035

DAVID WILLIAM RASTOCKY 2230 Lynn Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 Pharmacist License No. RPH 44112

and

DAVID W. RASTOCKY, Pharmacist-in-Charge WILLIAM RASTOCKY, and VICTORIA RASTOCKY, DBA LOMBARD PHARMACY 2230 Lynn Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 43635

Respondents.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

This decision shall become	ome effectiv	e on _	May 8,	2009	 -	•
It is so ORDERED on	April 8,	2009		•		

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Ву

KENNETH H. SCHELL

**Board President** 

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- 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Scott J. Harris, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Respondents David William Rastocky (Respondent Rastocky) and David W. Rastocky, William Rastocky and Victoria Rastocky, doing business as Lombard Pharmacy, with Respondent Rastocky as Pharmacist-In-Charge (Respondent Lombard Pharmacy), are represented in this proceeding by attorney Carmen A. Trutanich, whose address is 180 E. Ocean Blvd., Ste. 200, Long Beach, California, 90802.
- 3. On or about March 6, 1991, the Board issued Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 44112 to Respondent Rastocky. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3035, and expired on March 21, 2007.
- 4. On or about August 12, 1998, the Board issued Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 43635 to Respondent Lombard Pharmacy. The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3035, and expired on August 1, 2007.

#### JURISDICTION

5. Accusation No. 3035 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondents. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on June 2, 2008. Respondents timely filed their Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3035 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

6. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3035. Respondents have also carefully ///

read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

- 7. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at their own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 9. Respondents admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 3035 except for the charges and allegations contained in paragraphs 24 and 25 of Accusation No. 3035. Further, Respondents understand and agree that if proven at hearing, the charges and allegations contained in paragraphs 24 and 25 of Accusation No. 3035 would be cause for discipline, and agree that the remainder of the charges in Accusation No. 3035 are causes for discipline. Respondents waive their rights to contest the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3035.
- 10. Respondents agree that Pharmacist License Number RPH 44112 and Original Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 43635 are subject to discipline and they agree to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw from this agreement or seek to

rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, and, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 44112, issued to Respondent David William Rastocky, and Original Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 43635, issued to David W. Rastocky, William Rastocky, and Victoria Rastocky, doing business as Lombard Pharmacy, with Respondent David William Rastocky as Pharmacist-In Charge, are revoked.

- 1. Respondents shall lose all rights and privileges as a licensed pharmacist and pharmacy in the State of California.
- 2. Respondents shall cause to be delivered to the Board their licenses, all other wall certificates, and/or, pocket licenses on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondents understand and agree that if they ever apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat the application as a petition for reinstatement. Respondents must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time their application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 3035 shall be deemed to be true, correct and

1	I have read and fully discussed with Respondents David William Rastocky, and
2	David W. Rastocky, William Rastocky, and Victoria Rastocky, doing business as Lombard
3	Pharmacy, with David William Rastocky as Pharmacist-In-Charge, terms and conditions and
4	other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its
5	form and content.
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12	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
13	submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
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Exhibit A
Accusation No. 3035

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17	VICTORIA RASTOCKY, DBA
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22	Complainant alleges:
23	<u>PARTIES</u>
24	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official
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25	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board).
26	2. On or about March 6, 1991, the Board issued Original Pharmacist License
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.27	Number RPH 44112 to David William Rastocky (Respondent Rastocky). The license expired on
28	or about March 21, 2007.

3. On or about August 12, 1998, the Board issued Original Pharmacy Permit Number 43635 to William Rastocky, Victoria Rastocky, and Respondent Rastocky, doing business as Lombard Pharmacy (Respondent Lombard Pharmacy), with Respondent Rastocky as the Pharmacist in Charge. The permit expired on or about August 1, 2007.

## JURISDICTION

- 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board for the Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
- 5. Section 4300 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board is permitted to take disciplinary action to suspend or revoke a license issued by the Board.
  - 6. Section 4301 of the Code states:

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

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

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

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"(1) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, 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 United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the

record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. 2 4 5 10

The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the 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 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 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 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 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 of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

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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 or by any other state or federal regulatory agency."

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#### Section 490 of the Code states:

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"A board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time 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 sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

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#### Code section 4061 states:

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"(a) No manufacturer's sales representative shall distribute any dangerous drug or dangerous device as a complimentary sample without the written request of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7. However, a certified nurse-midwife who functions pursuant to a standardized procedure or protocol described in Section 2746.51, a

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nurse practitioner who functions pursuant to a standardized procedure described in Section 2836.1, or protocol, a physician assistant who functions pursuant to a protocol described in Section 3502.1, or a naturopathic doctor who functions pursuant to a standardized procedure or protocol described in Section 3640.5, may sign for the request and receipt of complimentary samples of a dangerous drug or dangerous device that has been identified in the standardized procedure, protocol, or practice agreement. Standardized procedures, protocols, and practice agreements shall include specific approval by a physician. A review process, consistent with the requirements of Section 2725, 3502.1, or 3640.5, of the complimentary samples requested and received by a nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, physician assistant, or naturopathic doctor, shall be defined within the standardized procedure, protocol, or practice agreement."

- 9. Code section 4126.5 states:
- "(a) A pharmacy may furnish dangerous drugs only to the following:
- (1) A wholesaler owned or under common control by the wholesaler from whom the dangerous drug was acquired.
- (2) The pharmaceutical manufacturer from whom the dangerous drug was acquired.
  - (3) A licensed wholesaler acting as a reverse distributor.
- (4) Another pharmacy or wholesaler to alleviate a temporary shortage of a dangerous drug that could result in the denial of health care. A pharmacy furnishing dangerous drugs pursuant to this paragraph may only furnish a quantity sufficient to alleviate the temporary shortage.
- (5) A patient or to another pharmacy pursuant to a prescription or as otherwise authorized by law.
- (6) A health care provider that is not a pharmacy but that is authorized to purchase dangerous drugs.
  - (7) To another pharmacy under common control."
  - 10. Code section 4022 states:
- ""Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:
- (a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.

- 17. "Aminophylline" is the brand name for Theophylline, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 18. "Wellbutrin" is the brand name for Bupropion, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 19. "Tiazac" is the brand name for Diltiazem, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 20. "Covera" is the brand name for Verapamil, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 21. "Luvox" is the brand name for Fluvoxamine, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime)

- 22. Respondents Rastocky and Lombard Pharmacy are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code sections 490, 4300, and 4301, subdivisions (1) and (0), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in the Respondent Rastocky was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee.
- a. On or about May 23, 2007, in the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 2006029260FA, entitled *The People of the State of California vs. David William Rastocky*, Respondent Rastocky was convicted on a plea of guilty to four (4) counts of violating Penal Code section 550, subdivision (a)(5), a felony, (insurance fraud), four (4) counts of violating Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a), a felony (grand theft), one (1) count of violating Penal Code section 530.5, subdivision (a), a felony (identity theft). In addition, Respondent Rastocky admitted all special allegations, including a taking of more than \$50,000 within the meaning of Penal Code section 12022.6, subdivision (a)(1), and a taking of more than \$100,000 within the meaning of Penal Code section 186.11. Respondent Rastocky was sentenced on or about December 12, 2007. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are as follows:

- c. Respondents received payments from four (4) insurance companies, including Aetna, Blue Shield, Blue Cross and Healthnet. In settlement of the criminal charges, Respondent Rastocky agreed to pay restitution of approximately \$242,000.
- d. In the course of committing the insurance fraud and grand theft,

  Respondent Rastocky also committed identity theft by willfully and unlawfully obtaining

  personal identifying information on victim L.C.<sup>1</sup> without authorization, and used that information

  for the unlawful purpose of committing insurance fraud.

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

23. Respondents Rastocky and Lombard Pharmacy are subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300 and 4301, subdivisions (f) and (o), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondents committed acts of dishonesty, fraud or deceit by committing insurance fraud, grand theft, and identity theft, as more fully discussed in paragraph 22, above.

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Illegal Possession of Drug Samples)

24. Respondents Rastocky and Lombard Pharmacy are subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o), and 4061, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondents were in possession of prescription drug samples. Specifically, on or about June 6, 2006, boxes and trash bags of prescription drug samples were

<sup>1.</sup> The victim's full name will be released following Respondents' filing of a Notice of Defense and receipt of a proper request for discovery.

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found in a dumpster located in Van Nuys, California. The prescription drug samples discovered included Zoloft, Dopamine, Erythromycin, Aminphylline, Wellbutrin, Tiazac, Covera HS, and Luvox. It was determined that the prescription drug samples belonged to Respondents.

- a. An investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Ventura County Environmental Health Division revealed that Respondents stored outdated prescription drug samples at Respondent Rastocky's home, which originally belonged to the medical offices located in the pharmacy's commercial building. Respondent Rastocky's mother and partner in Respondent Lombard Pharmacy, Victoria Rastocky, admitted disposing of the prescription drug samples.
- b. Following the investigation, Respondents were instructed to retain custody of the prescription drug samples and properly return them to a reverse distributor for disposal.

  On or about July 26, 2006, Respondents sent a certificate of destruction from Capital Returns,

  Inc.<sup>2</sup> to the Ventura County Environmental Health Division.

## FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Illegal Disposal of Pharmaceuticals)

25. Respondents Rastocky and Lombard Pharmacy are subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o), and 4026.5, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondents illegally disposed of dangerous drugs, in the form pharmaceuticals drug samples and expired drugs, in a dumpster, as more fully discussed in paragraph 24, above.

## **PRAYER**

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

1. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 44112, issued to David William Rastocky;

<sup>2.</sup> Capital Returns Inc. is a licensed reverse distributor in the State of California, Non-Resident Wholesaler License OSD 3432.

1	2. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacy Permit Number 43635, issued
2	to William Rastocky, Victoria Rastocky, and David W. Rastocky, doing business as Lombard
3	Pharmacy;
4	3. Ordering David William Rastocky and Lombard Pharmacy to pay the
5	Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,
6	pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
7	4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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