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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3084

JAE YOUNG PARK, doing business as FORUM DRUG

3307 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019-4530

Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 44525

and

JAE YOUNG PARK

1501 Emerald Lane Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Pharmacist License No. RPH 44773

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

This decision shall become effective on May 26, 2010.

It is so ORDERED on April 26, 2010.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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KENNETH H. SCHELL

Board President

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| 25 | IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above- | | | | |
| | entitled proceedings that the following matters are true: | | | | |
| 26 | <u>PARTIES</u> | | | | |
| 27 | 1. Virginia K. Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy | | | | |
| 28 | (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by | | | | |
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| | STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (3084) | | | | |

Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Kevin J. Rigley, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Respondents Jae Y. Park, doing business as Forum Drug (Respondent Park/Forum Drug) and Jae Young Park, also known as Jae Y. Park (Respondent Park) are represented in these proceedings by attorney Herbert L. Weinberg, whose address is:

1800 Century Park East, 8th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067

- 3. On or about January 13, 2000, the Board issued Original Pharmacy Permit No. 44525 (pharmacy permit) to Respondent Forum Drug/Park, with Respondent Park as Pharmacist-in-Charge. The pharmacy permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3084. The pharmacy permit expired on January 1, 2009 and was not renewed.
- 4. On or about August 22, 1991, the Board issued Original Pharmicist License No. 44773 (pharmacist license) to Respondent Park. The pharmacist license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3084 and will expire on February 28, 2011, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

5. Accusation No. 3084 was filed before the Board on December 1, 2008 and is currently pending against Respondents. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on January 7, 2009. Respondents timely filed their Notices of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3084 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. 3084. 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

- Respondents admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 3084.
- 10. Respondent Forum Drug/Park agrees that his pharmacy permit is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.
- 11. Respondent Park agrees that his pharmacist license is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CIRCUMSTANCES IN MITIGATION

12. Respondents are admitting responsibility at an early stage in the proceedings.

CONTINGENCY

- 13. 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.
- 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary

Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

and agree that counsel for Complainant may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement without notice to or participation by Respondents and their counsel. By signing this stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw their agreement to its terms and/or rescind the stipulation prior to when the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the instant Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force and effect and with the exception of this paragraph, shall be deemed inadmissible in any legal action between the parties and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

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

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Permit No. 44525 issued to Respondent Forum Drug/Park is revoked. Respondent Park further agrees that he shall never file any petitions for reinstatement of his pharmacy permit and/or applications for a new pharmacy permit with the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. 44773 issued to Respondent Park is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent's license is suspended for one (1) year from the effective date of the Decision and Order herein. At the conclusion of the one (1) year suspension of Respondent Park's license, Respondent Park shall be placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

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1. Obey All Laws

Respondent Park shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent Park shall report any of the following occurrences to the Board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- An arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled substances laws;
- A plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment;
- A conviction of any crime;
- Discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency which involves Respondent Park's pharmicist license or which is related to the practice of pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

2. Report to the Board

Respondent Park shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, Respondent Park shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board.

3. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent Park shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the Board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to

Board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the Board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

4. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent Park shall cooperate with the Board's inspection program and with the Board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent Park's compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

5. Continuing Education

Respondent Park shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the Board or its designee.

6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent Park shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 3084 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent Park by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent Park undertaking any new employment, Respondent Park shall cause his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during Respondent Park's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 3084, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent Park's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the Board.

If Respondent Park works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent Park must notify his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the Board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 3084 in advance of the Respondent Park commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the Board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent Park undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent Park shall cause his direct supervisor with the pharmacy

employment service to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that he has read the decision in case number 3084 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent Park's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the Board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause that/fhose employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgments to the Board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

7. No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Serving as Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant

During the period of probation, Respondent Park shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the Board, nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

8. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent Park shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$21,000.00. Respondent Park shall make said payments as directed by the Board or its designee. There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

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

9. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent Park shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board on a

schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

10. Status of License

Respondent Park shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent Park's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent Park's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

11. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent Park cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent Park may tender his license to the Board for surrender. The Board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent Park will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the Respondent Park's license history with the Board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent Park shall relinquish his pocket and wall license to the Board within ten (10) days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent Park may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent Park shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board, including any outstanding costs.

12. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or Employment

Respondent Park shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent Park shall further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address, mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the Board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

13. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, Respondent Park shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, Respondent Park must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should Respondent Park, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month in California, Respondent Park must notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and must further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for Respondent Park's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent

Park is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours, as defined by Business and

Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar

month during which Respondent Park is practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40

.27 hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

14. Violation of Probation

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

If Respondent Park violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent Park notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against Respondent Park during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

15. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the Board or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, Respondent Park's license will be fully restored.

16. Suspension

As part of probation, Respondent Park is suspended from the practice of pharmacy for one (1) year beginning the effective date of this decision.

During suspension, Respondent Park shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the Board, or any manufacturer, or where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent Park shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to

any licensee of the Board, or have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances.

Respondent Park shall not engage in any activity that requires the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent Park shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent shall not perform the duties of a pharmacy technician or a designated representative for any entity licensed by the Board.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

17. Tolling of Suspension

If Respondent Park leaves California to reside or practice outside this state, for any period exceeding 10 days (including vacation), Respondent Park must notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice outside the state — or any absence exceeding a period of 10 days shall not apply to the reduction of the suspension period.

18. Supervised Practice

During the period of probation, Respondent Park shall practice only under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist not on probation with the Board. Upon and after the effective date of this decision, Respondent Park shall not practice pharmacy and his license shall be automatically suspended until a supervisor is approved by the Board or its designee. The supervision shall be, as required by the board or its designee, either:

Continuous – At least 75% of a work week

Substantial - At least 50% of a work week

Partial - At least 25% of a work week

Daily Review - Supervisor's review of probationer's daily activities within 24 hours

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision/the expiration of his one (1)

year suspension. Respondent Park shall have his supervisor submit notification to the Board in writing stating that the supervisor has read the decision in case number 3084 and is familiar with the required level of supervision as determined by the Board or its designee. It shall be the Respondent Park's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s), pharmacist-in-charge and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the Board. Failure to cause the direct

supervisor and the pharmacist-in-charge to submit timely acknowledgements to the Board shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent Park changes employment during his probationary period, it shall be the Respondent Park's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s), pharmacist-in-charge and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the Board. Respondent Park shall have his new supervisor, within fifteen (15) days after employment commences, submit notification to the Board in writing stating the direct supervisor and pharmacist-in-charge have read the decision in case number 3084 and is familiar with the level of supervision as determined by the Board. Respondent Park shall not practice pharmacy and his license shall be automatically suspended until the Board or its designee approves a new supervisor. Failure to cause the direct supervisor and the pharmacist-in-charge to submit timely acknowledgements to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

Within ten (10) days of leaving employment during his probationary period, Respondent Park shall notify the Board in writing.

During suspension, Respondent Park shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the Board, or any manufacturer, or where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent Park shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the Board, or have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and controlled substances. Respondent Park shall not resume practice until notified by the Board.

During suspension, Respondent Park shall not engage in any activity that requires the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent Park shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent Park shall not perform the duties of a pharmacy technician or a designated representative for any entity licensed by the Board.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

19. No Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent Park shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board. Respondent Park shall sell or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the Board within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the Board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

20. Ethics Course

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the beginning date of Respondent Park's probationary period, Respondent Park shall enroll in a course in ethics, at Respondent Park's expense, approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Failure to initiate the course during the first year of probation, and complete it within the second year of probation, is a violation of probation.

Respondent Park shall submit a certificate of completion to the Board or its designee within five days after completing the course.

21. Pharmacy Self-Assessment Mechanism

Within the first year of probation, Respondent Park shall complete the Pharmacist Self-Assessment Mechanism (PSAM) examination provided by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). Respondent Park shall submit a record of completion to the Board demonstrating he/she has completed this examination. Respondent Park shall bear all costs for the examination. Continuing education hours received for this examination shall not be used as part of the required continuing education hours for renewal purposes. Respondent Park shall waive any rights to confidentiality and provide examination results to the Board or its designee. Failure to timely complete the PSAM or submit documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation. Respondent Park shall waive any rights to confidentiality and provide examination results to the Board or its designee. Based on the results of the examination, the Board shall determine which courses are appropriate for remedial education.

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22. Remedial Education

Respondent Park's appropriate program of remedial education as determined by the Board shall be completed within a time frame as determined by the Board at Respondent's own expense. The period of probation shall be extended until such remedial education is successfully completed and written proof, in a form acceptable to the Board, is provided to the Board. All remedial education shall be in addition to continuing education courses used for license renewal purposes. Failure to complete the remedial education as set forth hereinabove is grounds for the filling of a petition to revoke probation. Following the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may require the Respondent Park, at his own expense, to take an approved examination to test the Respondent Park's knowledge of the course. If the Respondent Park does not achieve a passing score on the examination, this failure shall be considered a violation of probation. Any such examination failure shall require Respondent Park to take another course approved by the Board in the same subject area.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Herbert L. Weinberg. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Permit and Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board.

DATED: (2-/P-09

JAE YOUNG JARK, aka JAE Y. PARK. doing business as FORUM DRUG Respondent Forum Drug/Park

DATED: 12-18-09

JAE YOUNG PARK aka JAE Y. PARK Respondent Park

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (3084)

| I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Forum Drug: Jae Young Park the terms | | |
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| and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary | | |
| Order. 1 approve its form and content. | | |
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| DATED: 12/18/09 | | |
| Herbert L. Wordberg Attorney for Respondent | | |
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| ENDORSEMENT | | |
| The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully | | |
| submitted for consideration by the Board. | | |
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| Dated: 12-21 07 Respectfully Submitted. | | |
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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.

"(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."

7. Section 4113 of the Code states:

- "(a) Every pharmacy shall designate a pharmacist-in-charge and within 30 days thereof, shall notify the board in writing of the identity and license number of that pharmacist and the date he or she was designated.
- (b) The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."

8. Section 4070 of the Code states:

- "(a) Except as provided in Section 4019 and subdivision (b), an oral or an electronic data transmission prescription as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 4040 shall as soon as practicable be reduced to writing by the pharmacist and shall be filled by, or under the direction of, the pharmacist. The pharmacist need not reduce to writing the address, telephone number, license classification, federal registry number of the prescriber or the address of the patient or patients if the information is readily retrievable in the pharmacy."
 - 9. Health and Safety Code section 11153, states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) A prescription for a controlled substance shall only be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her professional practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription. Except as authorized by this division, the following are not legal prescriptions: (1) an order purporting to be a prescription which is issued not in the usual course of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized research; or (2) an order for an addict or

habitual user of controlled substances, which is issued not in the course of professional treatment or as part of an authorized narcotic treatment program, for the purpose of providing the user with controlled substances, sufficient to keep him or her comfortable by maintaining customary use."

- 10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1716.2 states:
- "(a) For the purpose of compounding in quantities larger than required for immediate dispensing by a prescriber or for future dispensing upon prescription, a pharmacy shall maintain records that include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) The date of preparation.
- (2) The lot numbers. These may be the manufacturer's lot numbers or new numbers assigned by the pharmacy. If the lot number is assigned by the pharmacy, the pharmacy must also record the original manufacturer's lot numbers and expiration dates, if known. If the original manufacturer's lot numbers and expiration dates are not known, the pharmacy shall record the source and acquisition date of the components.
- (3) The expiration date of the finished product. This date must not exceed 180 days or the shortest expiration date of any component in the finished product unless a longer date is supported by stability studies in the same type of packaging as furnished to the prescriber. Shorter dating than set forth in this subsection may be used if it is deemed appropriate in the professional judgment of the responsible pharmacist.
 - (4) The signature or initials of the pharmacist performing the compounding.
- (5) A formula for the compounded product. The formula must be maintained in a readily retrievable form.
 - (6) The name(s) of the manufacturer(s) of the raw materials.
 - (7) The quantity in units of finished products or grams of raw materials.
 - (8) The package size and the number of units prepared."
 - 11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717, states:
- "(a) No medication shall be dispensed on prescription except in a new container which conforms with standards established in the official compendia.

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"Notwithstanding the above, a pharmacist may dispense and refill a prescription for non-liquid oral products in a clean multiple-drug patient medication package (patient med pak), provided:

"(c) Promptly upon receipt of an orally transmitted prescription, the pharmacist shall reduce it to writing, and initial it, and identify it as an orally transmitted prescription. If the prescription is then dispensed by another pharmacist, the dispensing pharmacist shall also initial the prescription to identify him or herself.

"All orally transmitted prescriptions shall be received and transcribed by a pharmacist prior to compounding, filling, dispensing, or furnishing.

"Chart orders as defined in Section 4019 of the Business and Professions Code are not subject to the provisions of this subsection.

- "(d) A pharmacist may furnish a drug or device pursuant to a written or oral order from a prescriber licensed in a State other than California in accordance with Business and Professions Code Section 4005."
- 12. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717.4, subdivision (h), states:

"Any person who transmits, maintains or receives any prescription or prescription refill, orally, in writing or electronically, shall ensure the security, integrity, authenticity, and confidentiality of the prescription and any information contained therein."

- 13. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761 states:
- "(a) No pharmacist shall compound or dispense any prescription which contains any significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration. Upon receipt of any such prescription, the pharmacist shall contact the prescriber to obtain the information needed to validate the prescription.
- (b) Even after conferring with the prescriber, a pharmacist shall not compound or dispense a controlled substance prescription where the pharmacist knows or has objective reason to know that said prescription was not issued for a legitimate medical purpose."

- 14. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1793.7, states, in pertinent part:
- "(c) A pharmacy technician must wear identification clearly identifying him or her as a pharmacy technician.
- (d) Any pharmacy employing or using a pharmacy technician shall develop a job description and written policies and procedures adequate to ensure compliance with the provisions of Article 11 of this Chapter, and shall maintain, for at least three years from the time of making, records adequate to establish compliance with these sections and written policies and procedures."
- 15. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 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 or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/DANGEROUS DRUGS

- A. "Codeine" is a Schedule II controlled substance, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 11055, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- B. "Klonopin" is the brand name for Clonazepam. It is a Schedule IV controlled substance, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11057, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- C. "Phenergan with Codeine" is the brand name for Promethazine with Codeine. It is a Schedule V controlled substance, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11058, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

- D. "Tylenol with Codeine #3" is the brand name for Acetaminiphen 300mg with Codeine 30mg. It is a Schedule III controlled substance, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11056, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- E. "Valium" is the brand name for Diazepam. It is a Schedule IV controlled substance, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11057, and is categorized as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- F. "Antibiotics" generally are categorized as "dangerous drugs" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Reduce to Writing Orally Transmitted Prescriptions)

Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (o), 4070, subdivision (a), and 4113, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1717, subdivision (c), and 1717.4, subdivision (h), in that Respondent Park repeatedly took receipt of orally transmitted prescriptions in a spiral notebook, which contained the patient's name, drug and quantity of the drug to be filled. Further, Respondent Park failed to reduce the complete prescription to writing until after the prescription was dispensed. Specifically, during an inspection of Respondent Forum Drug on May 5, 2006, a Board inspector observed Respondent Park writing orally transmitted prescriptions containing only patient names, drugs, and quantities to be dispensed, in a spiral notebook after speaking with a physician, as well as filling the prescription prior to reducing the telephoned prescriptions to a proper telephone prescription form. Further, Respondent Park failed to provide the Board inspector with telephone prescription forms corresponding to all of the telephoned prescription notes contained in the spiral notebook.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Requirements of Employing Pharmacy Technicians)

18. Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (o), and 4113, in conjunction with California of Regulations, title 16, section

1793.7, subdivisions (c) and (d), in that Respondents employed a pharmacy technician and failed to develop a job description, written policies and procedures, and name tags for the technicians. Specifically, during an inspection of Respondent Forum Drug on May 5, 2006, a Board inspector observed a pharmacy technician filling prescriptions without a name tag to identify herself as a pharmacy technician. When Respondent Park was asked to provide a copy of Respondents' policies and procedures and job description for the position of pharmacy technician, Respondent Park stated they did not exist.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Erroneous and Uncertain Prescriptions)

- 19. Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 4300 4301, subdivision (o), and 4113, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761, subdivisions (a) and/or (b), in that Respondents dispensed erroneous and uncertain prescriptions, and/or, prescriptions that Respondents should have known were not for a legitimate medical purpose, as follows:
- a. <u>Phenergan with Codeine</u>: In or between May 5, 2003 and May 5, 2006, Respondents dispensed Phenergan with Codeine to at least six patients, including, but not limited to, Patients E.B., C.F., I.G., O.M., J. S., and H.W., as a long-term therapy for the treatment of productive cough associated with chronic bronchitis. Respondents failed to question whether Phenergen with Codeine was the appropriate treatment, as Phenergan with Codeine is indicated for the temporary relief of cough and is not recommended for habitual use, or for the treatment of productive cough associated with chronic bronchitis. The circumstances include the following:
- i. In or between May 5, 2003 and May 5, 2006, Respondents filled prescriptions for Phenergan with Codeine for Patient E.B. at least 35 times, Patient C.F. at least

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^{1.} All Patients are referred to by their first and last initial to protect patient privacy. All patient names will be released upon the receipt of a proper request for discovery in this matter from the Respondent. In addition, the majority of the prescriptions filled for the listed patients, as well as the majority of Respondents' customers, were patients of physician M. Apusen.

times, and Patient H.W. at least 37 times.

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Respondents dispensed prescriptions for Phenergen with Codeine 604 of 719 patient visits, or

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eighty-four percent (84%) of the patient visits to Respondent Forum Drug.

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iii. A review of Respondents' patient profiles revealed that prescriptions for Phenergen with Codeine were consistently dispensed in the same amount of 360ml, or 12 ounces, and consistently calculated as a 22 day supply. Additionally, the patient profiles revealed that prescriptions for Phenergen with Codeine were filled consistently approximately 30 days apart. This pattern is not consistent with normal pharmacy settings. Refills for Phenergen with Codeine are not routinely filled 30 days apart, as Phenergen with Codeine is prescribed on as needed basis.

- Clonazepam/Diazepam: In or between May 5, 2003 and May 5, 2006, Respondents dispensed maximum dosages of Clonazepam and Diazepam, two benodiazepines representing duplicate therapy, concurrently to at least four patients, including, but not limited to, Patients E.B., C.F., J. S., and H.W.
- Acetaminophen with Codeine: In or between May 5, 2003 and May 5, 2006, Respondents dispensed Acetaminophen with Codeine #3 to at least five patients, including, but not limited to, Patients E.B., C.F., I.G., O.M., and J. S., for the treatment of degenerative joint disease. Respondents failed to question whether the use other therapies was appropriate, as the use of codeine is not recommended for patients with degenerative joint disease.
- Antibiotics: In or between May 5, 2003 and May 5, 2006, Respondents dispensed prescriptions for the long-term use of antibiotics for the treatment of chronic bronchitis to at least five patients, including, but not limited to, Patients C.F., I.G., O.M., J. S., and H.W. Respondents failed to question whether other treatments were appropriate, as the long term, prophylactic use of antibiotics in patients is not appropriate.
- Spiral Notebook: Respondents filled uncertain prescriptions, in that Respondent Park wrote orally transmitted prescriptions as notes in a spiral notebook, which only

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contained the name of the patient, the drug prescribed and the quantity to be dispensed. Respondent Park would later reduce to actual prescription to a telephone prescription form.

- Specifically, during an inspection of Respondent Forum Drug on May 5, 2006, Respondent Park was observed writing notes regarding prescriptions in a spiral notebook while on the telephone with a physician. The notes in the spiral notebook failed to contain information regarding whether refills were authorized, the directions for the prescription's use, and the name of the prescribing physician. Respondent Park stated that when Dr. M. Apusen called in a prescription, he would write notes in the spiral notebook, and when he had time, he would reduce the full prescription to a telephone prescription form.
- When asked to provide the telephone prescription forms for the current week, Respondent Park provided only some prescriptions, to which he added directions and the prescribing physician's name. Further, it was determined that some orally transmitted prescriptions were not properly reduced to telephone prescription forms before the prescriptions were dispensed, as was required.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Excessive Furnishing of Controlled Substances)

20. Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivisions (d) and (j), and 4113, in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11153, subdivision (a), in that Respondents furnished excessive amounts of controlled substances not for a legitimate medical purpose, as discussed in paragraph 19, subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c), above, which are herein incorporated by reference as set forth in full.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence and Incompetence)

Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 4300, 21. 4301, subdivisions (b), and/or, (c), and 4113, in that Respondents committed gross negligence, and/or, incompetence, by filling erroneous and uncertain prescriptions, and by furnishing excessive amounts of controlled substances, and/or, dangerous drugs, as more fully discussed in paragraph 19, subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d), and paragraph 20, above.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Record Lot Numbers and Expiration Dates)

Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (o), and 4113, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1716.2, in that Respondents failed to record the lot numbers and expiration dates for drugs that were pre-packaged for records for future dispensing (a.k.a. pre-pack log). Specifically, during an inspection of Respondent Forum Drug on May 5, 2006, a Board inspector determined that Respondents dispensed pre-packed medications. A review of Respondent's pre-pack log revealed that Respondents mainly pre-packaged pain medications and antibiotics. Further review of the pre-pack log revealed that Respondents did not record the lot numbers and expiration dates of the medications that were pre-packed.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

23. Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, and 4113, in that Respondents committed unprofessional conduct, as more fully discussed in paragraph 17 through 22, above.

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2. Respondents were issued a Correction Order on or about January 10, 2003, regarding Respondents' requirement to record lot numbers and expiration dates on the pre-pack log.

<u>PRAYER</u>

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Permit No. 44525, issued to Forum Drug; Jae Young Park;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License No. 44773, issued to Jae Young Park;
- 3. Ordering Jae Young Park and Forum Drug to pay the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 12/1/08

VIRGINA HEROLD Executive Officer

Board of Pharmacy State of California

Complainant

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