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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3155

JERRY A. PAGE 23679 Calabasas road #534 Calabasas, CA 91302

Pharmacist License No. RPH 23356

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

This decision shall become effective on November 25, 2009

It is so ORDERED October 26, 2009

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

KEMNETH H. SCHELL Board President

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	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3155
	SAV MART DRUGS	OAH No. L-2009020746
	2000 N. Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505	STIPULATED RETIREMENT OF
	Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 19709,	LICENSE AND ORDER
•	and	
5	JERRY A. PAGE 23679 Calabasas Road, #534	
5	Calabasas, CA 91302 Pharmacist License No. RPH 23356	
7	Respondents.	
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)	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AG	REED by and between the parties in this
	proceeding that the following matters are true:	
2	PARTIES	
;	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.	
F	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 Michael Brown, Deputy Attorney	
5	General.	
7	2. Jerry A. Page (Respondent) is repres	sented in this proceeding by attorney Errol
- 11	Horwitz, Esq. and Edward Bialack, Esq., whose address is Errol Horwitz, Esq. and Edward	

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1	Bialack, Esq., Law Offices, Warner Center, 5550 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Suite 200
2	Woodland Hills, Ca 91367.
3	3. On or about February 4, 1964, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacy
4	License No. RPH 23356 to Jerry A. Page (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force
5	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation 3155 and will expire on April
6	30, 2011, unless renewed.
7	JURISDICTION
8	4. Accusation No. 3155 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
9	Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other
10	statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on October 6, 2008.
11	Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation
12	No. 3155 is attached as exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.
13	ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS
14	5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
15	charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3155. Respondent also has carefully read, fully
16	discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Retirement of License and
17	Order.
18	6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
19	hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at
20	his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to
21	present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel
22	the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and
23	court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California
24	Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
25	7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
26	every right set forth above.
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CULPABILITY

8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3155, if 2 proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Pharmacy Permit.

9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

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CONTINGENCY

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent 10 understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may 11 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to 12 13 or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent 14 understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation 15 prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation 16 as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Retirement of License and Order shall be of no force or 17 effect, 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. 18

19 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Retirement of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect 20 as the originals. 21

22 12. 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 23 Order: 24

26 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED that pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 27 4200.5, Registered Pharmacist License Number RPH 23356 issued to Jerry A. Page is RETIRED. 111 28

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1	1. Respondent Page shall complete Form 17A-40, attached herewith as Exhibit 2, and
2	return it with the thirty-dollar (\$30) application fee payable to the California Board of Pharmacy
3	on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order;
4	2. Respondent Page shall not advertise, by any means, or hold himself out as practicing
5	or available to practice pharmacy upon the effective date of the Decision and Order;
6	3. Respondent Page shall lose all rights and privileges as a pharmacist in California
7	upon the effective date of the Decision and Order, but shall be permitted to use the titles "retired
8	pharmacist" or "pharmacist, retired" thereafter;
9	4. Upon issuance of the retired license, Respondent Page shall not be required to renew
10	that license;
11	5. If Respondent Page ever restores his license to active status, the Board shall treat it as
12	a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and
13	procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, including, but not
14	limited to passing the examination that is required for initial licensure, and all of the charges and
15	allegations contained in Accusation No. 3155 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by
16	Respondent when the Board determines whether to restore the license.
176	6. Respondent shall pay the Board its cost of investigation and enforcement in the
18	amount of \$28,401.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.
19	ACCEPTANCE
20	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Retirement of License and Order and have fully
21	discussed it with my attomey, Errol Horwitz, Esq. and Edward Bialack, Esq. I understand the
22	stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy License. I enter into this Stipulated
23	Retirement of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound
24	by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.
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P.06 08:42 ALIG-12-2009 DATED: 1 **JER** 2 Respe hđent I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Jerry A. Page the terms and conditions and 3 4 other matters contained in this Stipulated Retirement of License and Order. I approve its form 5 and content. 6 DATED: ERROL HORWITZ. E 7 Attorney for Respondent 8 DATED: 9 EDWARD BIAI 10 Attorney for Respondent 11 ENDORSEMENT 12 The foregoing Stipulated Retirement of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted 13 for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. 14 Dated: August <u>19</u>, 2009 15 Respectfully Submitted, 16 EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Attorney General of California 17 GLORIA A. BARRIOS Supervising Deputy Attorney General 18 19 MICHAEL BROWN 20Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant 21 22 23 LA2008600399 24 50473599.doc 25 26 27 28 5

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	SAV MART DRUGS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
12	2000 N. Hollywood Way	ACCUSATION
13	Burbank, CA 91505 GERALD PAGE, aka JERRY A. PAGE,	
14	President, Pharmacist-In-Charge NORA PAGE, Secretary	
15	Original Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 19709,	
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17	and	
18	JERRY A. PAGE 23679 Calabasas Road, #534	
19	Calabasas, CA 91302	
	Pharmacist License No. RPH 23356	
20	Respondents.	
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22	Complainant alleges:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
23	PARTIES	· · ·
24	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant)	brings this Accusation solely in her
25	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board	of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
26	Consumer Affairs.	
27	2. On or about October 13, 1977,	the Board issued Original Pharmacy Permit
28	No. PHY 19709 to Gerald Page Inc., to do business as	s Sav Mait Drugs, with Gerald Page, also
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known as, Jerry A. Page, as President/Pharmacist-in-Charge and Nora Page, as Secretary
 (Respondent Sav Mart). The Original Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times
 relevant to the charges brought herein and was canceled due to the discontinuance of business on
 or about October 25, 2006.

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On or about February 4, 1964, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original
 Pharmacist License No. RPH 23356 to Jerry A. Page, also known as Gerald Page (Respondent
 Page). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
 brought herein and will expired on April 30, 2009, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the
 following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless
 otherwise indicated.

13 5. Section 4300 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that every license
14 issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.

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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:

"(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.

24 "(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or 25 abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the 26 applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations 27 established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency." 28 ///

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7. Section 4302 of the Code states: -] "The board may deny, suspend, or revoke any license of a corporation where 2 conditions exist in relation to any person holding 10 percent or more of the corporate stock of the З corporation, or where conditions exist in relation to any officer or director of the corporation that 4 would constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee." 5 Section 4113 of the Code states: 8. 6 "(a) Every pharmacy shall designate a pharmacist-in-charge and within 30 days 7 Ś thereof, shall notify the board in writing of the identity and license number of that pharmacist 9 and the date he or she was designated. 10 (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."]] Section 4040 of the Code states, in pertinent part. 12 9. 13 "(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a written order of the prescriber for a · 14 dangerous drug, except for any Schedule II controlled substance, that contains at least the name 15 and signature of the prescriber, the name and address of the patient in a manner consistent with 16 paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 11164 of the Health and Safety Code, the name and 17 quantity of the drug prescribed, directions for use, and the date of issue may be treated as a 18 prescription by the dispensing pharmacist as long as any additional information required by 19 subdivision (a) is readily retrievable in the pharmacy. In the event of a conflict between this 20 subdivision and Section 11164 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 11164 of the Health and 21 Safety Code shall prevail." 22 10. Section 4063 of the Code states: 23 "No prescription for any dangerous drug or dangerous device may be refilled 24 except upon authorization of the prescriber. The authorization may be given orally or at the time 25 of giving the original prescription. No prescription for any dangerous drug that is a controlled 26 substance may be designated refillable as needed." 27 /// 28 ///

11. Section 4081 of the Code states:

"(a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, or disposition of 2 dangerous drugs or dangerous devices shall be at all times during business hours open to 3 inspection by authorized officers of the law, and shall be preserved for at least three years from 4 the date of making. A current inventory shall be kept by every manufacturer, wholesaler, 5 pharmacy, veterinary food-animal drug retailer, physician, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, 6 laboratory, clinic, hospital, institution, or establishment holding a currently valid and unrevoked 7 certificate, license, permit, registration, or exemption under Division 2 (commencing with 8 Section 1200) of the Health and Safety Code or under Part 4 (commencing with Section 16000) 9 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code who maintains a stock of dangerous drugs or 10 11 dangerous devices. 12 "(b) The owner, officer, and partner of any pharmacy, wholesaler, or veterinary 13 food-animal drug retailer shall be jointly responsible, with the pharmacist-in-charge or

13 food-animal drug retailer shall be jointly responsible, with the pharmacist-in-charge or
 14 representative-in-charge, for maintaining the records and inventory described in this section.

15 "(c) The pharmacist-in-charge or representative-in-charge shall not be criminally 16 responsible for acts of the owner, officer, partner, or employee that violate this section and of 17 which the pharmacist-in-charge or representative-in-charge had no knowledge, or in which he or 18 she did not knowingly participate."

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12. Section 4115 of the Code states:

20 "(a) A pharmacy technician may perform packaging, manipulative, repetitive, or
21 other nondiscretionary tasks, only while assisting, and while under the direct supervision and
22 control of a pharmacist.

"(f)(1) A pharmacy with only one pharmacist shall have no more than one
pharmacy technician performing the tasks specified in subdivision (a). The ratio of pharmacy
technicians performing the tasks specified in subdivision (a) to any additional pharmacist shall
not exceed 2:1, except that this ratio shall not apply to personnel performing clerical functions
pursuant to Section 4116 or 4117. This ratio is applicable to all practice settings, except for an

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inpatient of a licensed health facility, a patient of a licensed home health agency, as specified in] paragraph (2), an inmate of a correctional facility of the Department of the Youth Authority or 2 the Department of Corrections, and for a person receiving treatment in a facility operated by the 3 State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, or the ₫ Department of Veterans Affairs." 5 Section 4306.5 of the Code states: 13. 6 "Unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist may include any of the following: 7 (a) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the inappropriate exercise 8 of his or her education, training, or experience as a pharmacist, whether or not the act or 9 omission arises in the course of the practice of pharmacy or the ownership, management. 10 administration, or operation of a pharmacy or other entity licensed by the board. 11 (b) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the failure to exercise or 12 implement his or her best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility with regard to 13 the dispensing or furnishing of controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices, or 14 with regard to the provision of services. 15 16 (c) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the failure to consult 17 appropriate patient, prescription, and other records pertaining to the performance of any pharmacy function. 18 19 (d) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the failure to fully 20 maintain and retain appropriate patient-specific information pertaining to the performance of any 21 pharmacy function." 22 Section 4332 of the Code states: 14. 23 "Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to maintain the records required by 24 Section 4081 or who, when called upon by an authorized officer or a member of the board, fails, 25 neglects, or refuses to produce or provide the records within a reasonable time, or who willfully 26 produces or furnishes records that are false, is guilty of a misdemeanor." 27 111 28 ·///

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"(a) A prescription for a controlled substance shall only be issued for a legitimate 2 medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her professional 3 practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is 4 5 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 6 prescriptions: (1) an order purporting to be a prescription which is issued not in the usual course 7 of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized research; or (2) an order for an addict or 8 habitual user of controlled substances, which is issued not in the course of professional treatment 9 or as part of an authorized narcotic treatment program, for the purpose of providing the user with 10 controlled substances, sufficient to keep him or her comfortable by maintaining customary use." 11

"Prior to consultation as set forth in section 1707.2, a pharmacist shall review a
patient's drug therapy and medication record before each prescription drug is delivered. The
review shall include screening for severe potential drug therapy problems."

California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1707.3 states:

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 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717 states, in pertinent

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18 "(c) Promptly upon receipt of an orally transmitted prescription, the pharmacist 19 shall reduce it to writing, and initial it, and identify it as an orally transmitted prescription. If the 20 prescription is then dispensed by another pharmacist, the dispensing pharmacist shall also initial 21 the prescription to identify him or herself. All orally transmitted prescriptions shall be received 22 and transcribed by a pharmacist prior to compounding, filling, dispensing, or furnishing. Chart 23 orders as defined in Section 4019 of the Business and Professions Code are not subject to the 24 provisions of this subsection."

25 18. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761 states:
26 "(a) No pharmacist shall compound or dispense any prescription which contains
27 any significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration. Upon receipt of
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any such prescription, the pharmacist shall contact the prescriber to obtain the information
 needed to validate the prescription.

3 (b) Even after conferring with the prescriber, a pharmacist shall not compound or
4 dispense a controlled substance prescription where the pharmacist knows or has objective reason
5 to know that said prescription was not issued for a legitimate medical purpose."

19. 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.

20. 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.

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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/DANGEROUS DRUGS

A. "Xanax" is the brand name for Alprazolam. It is a Schedule IV controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(1), and is classified as "dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

"Vicodin," "Lorcet," "Norco," "Vicodin ES." "Vicodin HP," and "Lorcet 18 Β. 19 10/650" are brand names for Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen (APAP). It is a Schedule III 20 controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (4)(e), and 21 is classified as a "dangerous drug" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. 22 C. "Soma" is the brand name for Carisoprodol, which is classified as a 23 dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. 24 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain and Provide Complete Records)
21. Respondent Sav Mart and Respondent Page are subject to discipline
pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (o), 4302, and 4113, on the grounds of
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1	unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent Sav Mari and Respondent Page violated Code	
2	sections 4081 and 4332. The circumstances are as follows:	
3.	a. A Board inspector requested that Respondents supply all original	
4	prescriptions for Patient R. Merriman.' After comparing the patient profile of Patient R.	
5	Merriman with the prescriptions supplied by Respondents, it was determined that Respondents	
6	failed to provide the following prescriptions to the Board's inspector: Rx 14392, Rx 983770, Rx	
7	984329, Rx 986426, Rx 986798, Rx 987323, Rx 987941, Rx 988395, Rx 994071	
8	(9 prescriptions for carisoprodol); Rx 9857, Rx 983705, Rx 984331, Rx 986425, Rx 986797, Rx	
9	987322, Rx 987942, Rx 988394, Rx 995378 (9.prescriptions for hydrocodone/APAP); and, Rx	
10	995379, Rx 991973, Rx 9858, Rx 18020, Rx 984330, Rx 986588, and Rx 987943 (7	
11	prescriptions for alprazolam).	
12	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
13	(Failure to Review Patient Profile)	
14	22. Respondent Sav Mart and Respondent Page are subject to discipline	
15	pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (0), 4302, and 4113, on the grounds of	
16	unprofessional conduct, in that Respondents failed to review patient profiles prior to dispensing	
17	prescriptions, in violation of Code section 4306.5, subdivision (c), and California Code of	
18	Regulations, title 16, sections 1707.3. The circumstances are as follows:	
19	a. Patient R. Merriman: Respondent Page filled 104 prescriptions for	
20	Patient R Merriman early, namely Soma, Vicodin and Xanax, without reviewing Patient R.	
21	Merrimans' patient profile, resulting in over dispensing of controlled substances, and/or,	
22	dangerous drugs.	
23	b. Patient R. Mazolla: Respondent Page filled 17 prescriptions for Patient	
24	R. Mazolla early, namely, Norco, Valium and Xanax, without reviewing Patient R. Mazzola's	
25	patient profile, resulting in over dispensing of controlled substances, and/or, dangerous drugs.	
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27	1. For purposes of patient confidentiality, all patients are referred to by their first initial	
28	and last name. Upon a proper request for discovery, all patient records will be made available to Respondents.	
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Patient S. Daniels: Respondent Page filled 62 prescriptions for Patient S. 1 с. Daniels early, namely Hydrocodone/APAP, without reviewing Patent S. Daniels' patient profile, 2 resulting in over dispensing of controlled substances, and/or, 'dangerous drugs. 3 4 THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Failure to Exercise Professional Judgment) 5 23. Respondent Sav Mart and Respondent Page are subject to discipline 6 pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o), 4302, and 4113, on the grounds 7 of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent Page failed to exercise professional judgment in 8 violation of Code section 4306.5, subdivision (b), Health and Safety Code section 11153, and 9 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761. The circumstances are as follows: 10 Patient R. Merriman: Respondent Page failed to use professional 11 а. 12 judgment in filling Patient R. Merriman's prescriptions for Vicodin ES. In or between June 29, 13 2001 and June 9, 2003, Respondents dispensed excessive amounts of Vicodin ES to Patient R. Merriman. Specifically, Respondents dispensed 9,870 tablets of Vicodin ES to Patient R. 14 15 Merriman, which is an average of 13.5 tablets per day. The maximum recommended 16 acetaminophen dose is 4 grams per day, or 5:33 tablets per day.]7 Ъ. Patient S. Daniels: Respondent Page failed to use professional judgment 18 in filling Patient S. Daniels' prescriptions for Hydrocodon/APAP. In or between January 3, 19 2005 and July 31, 2006, Respondents dispensed excessive amounts of Hydrocodone/APAP to 20 Patient S. Daniels. Specifically, Respondent Page dispensed a total of 13,550 tablets (9,235 21 grams) of Hydrocodone/APAP to Patient S. Daniels, which is an average twenty-four tablets per 22 day (16 grams per day, or one tablet per hour). The maximum recommended acetaminophen 23 dose is 4 grams per day (or, 5.33 tablets of 750mg strength, and/or, 8 tablets of 500mg strength, 24 per day). 25 FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 26 (Failure to Meet Pharmacist-Technician Ratio) 27 24. Respondent Sav Mart and Respondent Page are subject to discipline 28 pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (o), 4302, and 4113, on the grounds of

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1	umprofessional conduct, for violating Code section 4115, subdivision (f)(1), in that during an
2	inspection of Respondent Sav Mart on or about September 15, 2006, a Board inspector
3	determined that two (2) technicians were performing technician related work, while only one (1)
4	pharmacist, Respondent Page, was on duty.
5	FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
	(Oral Prescription Requirements)
6	25. Respondent Sav Mart and Respondent Page are subject to discipline
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-8	pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (0), 4302, and 4113, on the grounds of
9	unprofessional conduct, in that during an inspection of Respondent Sav Mart on or about
10	September 15, 2006, a Board investigator found 48 orally transmitted prescriptions that failed to
11	contain the initials of the pharmacist that took the prescription in violation of California Code of
12	Regulations, title 16, section 1717, subdivision (c).
13	SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
14	(Prescription Requirements)
15	26. Respondent Sav Mart and Respondent Page are subject to discipline
16	pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (0), 4302, and 4113, on the grounds of
17	unprofessional conduct, in that Respondents violated Code section 4040, subdivision (b), as
18	follows: during an inspection of Respondent Sav Mart on or about September 15, 2006, a Board
19	inspector found 22 telephone prescription orders which failed to contain the directions for use on
20	the prescription as required, as well as 48 prescriptions that failed to have complete dates as
2]	required.
22	SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
23	(Unauthorized Prescriptions)
24	27. Respondent Say Mart and Respondent Page are subject to discipline
.25	pursuant to Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (0), 4302, and 4113, on the grounds of
26	unprofessional conduct, in that Respondents refilled 104 prescriptions for controlled substances,
27	and/or, dangerous drugs, without authorization, in violation of Code section 4063.
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1	Specifically, Respondent Page refilled unauthorized prescriptions which did not contain
2	authorized refills on the original prescription as follows:
3	a. Patient V. Bautista: 11 unauthorized prescriptions for Hydrocodone.
4	b. Patient S. Daniels: 80 unauthorized prescription refills for Hydrocodone.
5	c. Patient C. Deperna: 1 unauthorized prescription refill for
6	Hydrocodone/Ibuprofen and 1 unauthorized prescription refill for Hydrocodone/APAP.
7	d. Patient T Mccorkle: 12 unauthorized prescriptions for Hydrocodone.
8	EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
9	(Unprofessional Conduct)
10	28. Respondent Sav Mart and Respondent Page are subject to discipline
11	pursuant to Code sections 4300 and 4301, 4302 and 4113, in that Respondents committed
12	unprofessional conduct, as more fully discussed in paragraphs 21 through 27, above.
13	PRAYER
14	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
15	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:
16	1. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 19709 issued
17	to Gerald Page Inc., to do business as Sav Mart Drugs, with Gerald Page, also known as Jerry A.
18	Page, as President/Pharmacist-in-Charge and Nora Page, as Secretary;
19	2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 23356, issued
20	to Jerry A. Page, also known as Gerald Page;
21	3. Ordering Sav Mart Drugs and Jerry A. Page, also known as Gerald Page,
22	to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this
23	case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
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