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10 **BEFORE THE**
11 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**
12 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
13 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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15 In the Matter of the Accusation and Petition to
Revoke Probation Against:

Case No. 3217

16 MELANIE HICKEY
2840 C Street #2
17 San Diego, CA 92102

**DEFAULT DECISION
AND ORDER**

18 Pharmacist License No. RPH 36032

[Gov. Code, §11520]

19 Respondent.
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22 FINDINGS OF FACT

23 1. On or about March 20, 2009, Complainant Virginia K. Herold in her
24 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, filed Petition to Revoke
25 Probation No. 3217 against Melanie Hickey (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy.

26 2. On or about December 12, 1980, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued
27 Pharmacist License No. RPH 36032 to Respondent. The Pharmacist License expired on
28 December 31, 2008, and has not been renewed.

1 3. On or about March 24, 2009, Charlette Sheppard, an employee of the
2 Department of Justice, served by Certified and First Class Mail a copy of the Petition to Revoke
3 Probation No. 3217, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and
4 Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's address of record
5 with the Board, which was and is: 2840 C Street, #2, San Diego, CA 92102. A copy of the
6 Petition to Revoke Probation is attached as exhibit A, and is incorporated herein by reference.

7 4. Service of the Petition to Revoke Probation was effective as a matter of
8 law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).

9 5. As of May 6, 2009, the aforementioned documents have not been returned
10 by the U.S. Postal Service, and Respondent has not returned a Notice of Defense.

11 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

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

15 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service
16 upon her of the Petition to Revoke Probation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the
17 merits of Petition to Revoke Probation No. 3217.

18 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

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

22 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board
23 of Pharmacy finds Respondent is in default. The Board of Pharmacy will take action without
24 further hearing and, based on the evidence on file herein, finds that the allegations in Petition to
25 Revoke Probation No. 3217 are true.

26 10. The total cost for investigation and enforcement in connection with the
27 Petition to Revoke Probation are \$1,225.00 as of May 6, 2009.

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1 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 2 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Melanie Hickey has
3 subjected her Pharmacist License No. RPH 36032 to discipline.
- 4 2. A copy of the Petition to Revoke Probation is attached.
- 5 3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 6 4. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacist
7 License based upon the following violations of Respondent's terms and conditions of probation,
8 as alleged in the Petition to Revoke Probation:

- 9 a. Failure to submit Quarterly Reports from January 10, 2008,
10 through April 10, 2009;
- 11 b. Failure to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and
12 prosecution in the amount of \$8,030.75; and,
- 13 c. Failure to comply with the Pharmacist Recovery Program;

14 ORDER

15 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 36032, heretofore issued
16 to Respondent Melanie Hickey is revoked.

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

22 This Decision shall become effective on August 14, 2009.

23 It is so ORDERED July 15, 2009

24 BOARD OF PHARMACY
25 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
26 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

27 By



28 KENNETH H. SCHELL
Board President

Exhibit A

Petition to Revoke Probation No. 3217

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Against:

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16 MELANIE HICKEY
17 2840 C Street #2
San Diego, CA 92102

**PETITION TO REVOKE
PROBATION**

18 Pharmacist License No. RPH 36032

19 Respondent.
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21 Complainant alleges:

22 PARTIES

23 1. Virginia K. Herold (Complainant) brings this Petition to Revoke Probation
24 solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.

25 2. On or about December 12, 1980, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist
26 License Number RPH 36032 to Melanie Hickey (Respondent). The pharmacist license was
27 suspended on January 2, 2008. The license expired on December 31, 2008, and has not been
28 renewed.

1 and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with certain terms and
2 conditions. A copy of that decision is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by
3 reference.

4 7. On or about January 12, 2006, Respondent met with a Board
5 representative and received a full explanation and opportunity to discuss all of the terms and
6 conditions of her probation. At the conclusion of the meeting, Respondent signed a declaration
7 stating that she thoroughly understood the terms and conditions of her probation and that failure
8 to comply may result in further disciplinary action.

9 8. Since October 2007, Respondent has failed to comply with several terms
10 and conditions of her probation, as described in detail below.

11 9. On or about October 19, 2007, Respondent sent a letter to the Board
12 requesting that the Board inactivate her pharmacist license. Respondent enclosed her pharmacist
13 license inside said letter.

14 10. On or about December 19, 2007, the Board sent a letter to Respondent
15 advising her that the Board could not inactivate her pharmacist license because her probation
16 condition No. 11 specifically required Respondent to maintain an active license throughout the
17 term of her probation. The Board enclosed Respondent's pharmacist license inside said letter to
18 Respondent.

19 11. On or about January 2, 2008, Respondent was terminated from the
20 Pharmacist Recovery Program (PRP) for non-compliance, as described in detail below.

21 12. Respondent's termination from the PRP caused her license to be
22 immediately suspended, effective on or about January 15, 2008, when the Board provided notice
23 to Respondent of said suspension, and pursuant to her probation condition No. 15, as described
24 in detail below.

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1 FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

2 (Failure to Submit Quarterly Reports)

3 13. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition
4 No. 3 stated:

5 **Reporting to the Board.** Respondent shall report to the Board quarterly. The
6 report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Respondent shall
7 state under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the
8 terms and conditions of probation. If the final probation report is **not** made as
9 directed, probation shall be extended automatically until such time as the final
10 report is made and accepted by the Board.

11 14. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to
12 comply with Probation Condition 3, referenced above, in that she failed to submit Quarterly
13 Report(s) that were due on each of the following dates: January 10, 2008;
14 April 10, 2008; July 10, 2008; October 10, 2008; and January 10, 2009.

15 SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

16 (Failure to Submit Cost Recovery Payments)

17 15. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition
18 No. 9 stated:

19 **Reimbursement of Board Costs.** Respondent shall pay to the Board its costs of
20 investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$8,030.75.

21 Respondent shall said payments as follows: quarterly payments of \$401.50 for the
22 five-year term of probation.

23 The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of her
24 responsibility to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

25 16. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to
26 comply with Probation Condition 9, referenced above, in that she has failed to make any cost
27 recovery payments, quarterly or otherwise, since October 2007, and through the present date.

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1 **THIRD CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION**

2 (Failure to Comply with Pharmacist Recovery Program)

3 17. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition
4 No. 15 stated:

5 **Rehabilitation Program - Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP).**

6 Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall contact the
7 Pharmacists Recovery Program for evaluation and shall successfully participate in
8 and complete the treatment contract and any subsequent addendums as
9 recommended and provided by the PRP and as approved by the Board. The costs
10 for PRP participation shall be borne by the Respondent.

11 If Respondent is currently enrolled in the PRP, said participation is now
12 mandatory and is no longer considered a self-referral under Business and
13 Professions Code section 4363, as of the effective date of this decision.

14 Respondent shall successfully participate in and complete his current contract and
15 any subsequent addendums with the PRP. Probation shall be automatically
16 extended until Respondent successfully completes his treatment contract. Any
17 person terminated from the program shall be automatically suspended upon notice
18 by the Board. Respondent may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified
19 by the Board in writing. The Board shall retain jurisdiction to institute action to
20 terminate probation for any violation of this term.

21 18. Respondent enrolled and participated in the Pharmacist in Recovery
22 Program ("PRP") until October 2006. In October 2006, Respondent began failing to comply
23 with the terms and condition of her participation in PRP, which she had previously agreed to
24 follow. Specifically, Respondent repeatedly failed to make required contacts with a PRP
25 representative. During October and November 2007, PRP representative(s) made numerous
26 unsuccessful attempts, by voice-mail and first-class mail, to contact Respondent and receive
27 current contact information for her. Respondent's last contact with a PRP representative was a
28 voice-mail from her in or about December 2007, wherein Respondent failed to provide any
contact information. On or about January 2, 2008, Respondent was terminated from the PRP due
to her non-compliance, described above.

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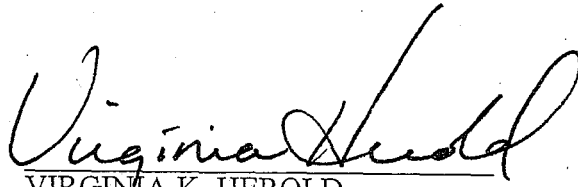
PRAYER

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 the probation that was granted by the Board of Pharmacy in Case No. 2813 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed thereby revoking Pharmacist License No. RPH 36032 issued to Melanie Hickey;

2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 3/19/09



VIRGINIA K. HEROLD
Executive Officer
Board of Pharmacy
State of California
Complainant

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Exhibit A

Decision and Order

Board of Pharmacy Case No. 2813

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

MELANIE M. HICKEY
1451 Babham Street, #412
El Cajon, CA 92019

Pharmacists License No. RPH 36032

Respondent.

Case No. 2813

OAH No.

DECISION AND ORDER

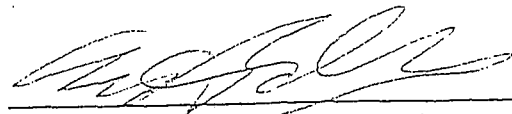
The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the California State Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on January 18, 2006.

It is so ORDERED December 19, 2005.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By



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OAH No. L-2005050539

15 **STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

16 Pharmacist License No. RPH 36032

17 Respondent.
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20 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the
21 above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

22 PARTIES

23 1. Patricia F. Harris (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the California
24 State Board of Pharmacy and brought this action solely in her official capacity. Complainant is
25 represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, through
26 Linda K. Schneider, Deputy Attorney General.

27 2. Respondent, MELANIE M. HICKEY, is represented in this matter by
28 Michael J. Messina of Wood & Messina, 550 West C Street, Suite 1670, San Diego, CA 92101.

1 Business and Professions Code section 4300 for violations of Business and Professions Code
2 sections 4301(h) and 4301(l). Respondent agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of
3 discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

4 CONTINGENCY

5 9. This Stipulated Settlement shall be subject to the approval of the Board.
6 Respondent HICKEY understands and agrees that the Board's staff and counsel for Complainant
7 may communicate directly with the Board regarding this Stipulated Settlement, without notice to
8 or participation by respondent. If the Board fails to adopt this Stipulated Settlement as its Order,
9 the agreement shall be of no force or effect, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between
10 the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of
11 its consideration of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

12 10. The parties agree that facsimile signatures to this Stipulated Settlement
13 and Disciplinary Order shall have the same force and effect as original signatures.

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

17 DISCIPLINARY ORDER

18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Original Pharmacist License Number RPH
19 36032, issued to MELANIE M. HICKEY, is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and
20 respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions:

21 1. Mental Health Examination

22 Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Decision, and on a periodic
23 basis as may be required by the Board, respondent shall undergo, at her own expense, psychiatric
24 evaluation(s) by a Board-appointed or Board-approved psychiatrist or psychologist. Respondent
25 shall sign a release authorizing the evaluator to furnish the Board with a current diagnosis and a
26 written report regarding the respondent's judgment and ability to function independently as a
27 pharmacist with safety to the public. Respondent shall comply with all the recommendations of
28 the evaluator if directed by the Board.

1 If the psychiatrist or psychotherapist recommends, and the Board directs,
2 respondent shall undergo psychotherapy. Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of written
3 notice of the need for psychotherapy, submit to the Board for its prior approval, the
4 recommended program for ongoing psychotherapeutic care. Respondent shall undergo and
5 continue psychotherapy, at respondent's own expense, until further notice from the Board.
6 Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist or psychiatrist submit written quarterly
7 reports to the Board as directed. If respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely, upon
8 notification, respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until
9 notified by the Board.

10 Commencing on the effective date of the Decision in this matter, respondent shall
11 not engage in the practice of pharmacy until notified in writing by the Board or its designee that
12 respondent is psychologically fit to practice pharmacy safely, and the Board approves said
13 recommendation. The recommendation that respondent shall be fit to practice pharmacy safely
14 shall be made by the Pharmacist Recovery Program (see Probation Condition No. 15 below).

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

23 Respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the professional
24 judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of
25 pharmacy. Respondent shall not perform the duties of a pharmacy technician or an exemptee for
26 any entity licensed by the Board. Subject to the above restrictions, respondent may continue to
27 own or hold an interest in any pharmacy in which she holds an interest at the time this Decision
28 becomes effective unless otherwise specified in this Order.

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2. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all federal and state laws and regulations substantially related or governing the practice of pharmacy.

Respondent 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 contendere in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment;
- * discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state and federal agency which involves respondent's pharmacist license or which is related to the practice of pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling or distribution or billing or charging for of any drug, device or controlled substance.

3. Reporting to the Board

Respondent shall report to the Board quarterly. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Respondent shall state under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. If the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be extended automatically until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board.

4. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable notice, respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board upon request at various intervals at a location to be determined by the Board. Failure to appear for a scheduled interview without prior notification to Board staff shall be considered a violation of probation.

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1 8. No Preceptorships, Supervision of Interns, Being Pharmacist-in-Charge
2 (PIC), or Serving as a Consultant

3 Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist or perform any of the duties
4 of a preceptor, nor shall respondent be the pharmacist-in-charge of any entity licensed by the
5 Board unless otherwise specified in this Order.

6 9. Reimbursement of Board Costs

7 Respondent shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the
8 amount of \$8,030.75.

9 Respondent shall make said payments as follows: quarterly payments of \$401.50
10 for the five-year term of probation.

11 The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of her
12 responsibility to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

13 10. Probation Monitoring Costs

14 Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring as
15 determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the
16 Board at the end of each year of probation. Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a
17 violation of probation.

18 11. Status of License

19 Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active current
20 license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled.

21 If respondent's license expires or is canceled by operation of law or otherwise,
22 upon renewal or reapplication, respondent's license shall be subject to all terms of this probation
23 not previously satisfied.

24 12. License Surrender while on Probation/Suspension

25 Following the effective date of this Decision, should respondent cease practice
26 due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of
27 probation, respondent may tender her license to the Board for surrender. The Board shall have
28 the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems

1 appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of license, respondent will
2 no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

3 Upon acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall relinquish her pocket license
4 to the Board with ten (10) days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted.
5 Respondent may not reapply for any license from the Board for three (3) years from the effective
6 date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as
7 of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board.

8 13. Notification of Employment/Mailing Address Change

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

13 14. Tolling of Probation

14 Should respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason cease practicing
15 pharmacy for a minimum of 80 hours per calendar month in California, respondent must notify
16 the Board in writing within ten (10) days of cessation of the practice of pharmacy or the
17 resumption of the practice of pharmacy. Such periods of time shall not apply to the reduction of
18 the probation period. It is a violation of probation for respondent's probation to remain tolled
19 pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a period exceeding three (3) years.

20 "Cessation of practice" means any period of time exceeding thirty (30) days in
21 which respondent is not engaged in the practice of pharmacy as defined in section 4052 of the
22 Business and Professions Code.

23 15. Rehabilitation Program - Pharmacist Recovery Program

24 Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall contact the
25 Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP) for evaluation and shall successfully participate in and
26 complete the treatment contract and any subsequent addendums as recommended and provided
27 by the PRP and as approved by the Board. The Pharmacist Recovery Program will review and
28 consider quarterly reports from respondent's treating providers, upon submission of such reports

1 by her providers. The costs for PRP participation shall be borne by the respondent.

2 If respondent is currently enrolled in the PRP, or was previously enrolled in the
3 PRP, said participation is now mandatory and is no longer considered a self-referral under
4 Business and Professions Code section 4363, as of the effective date of this decision.
5 Respondent shall successfully participate in and complete her current contract and any
6 subsequent addendums with the PRP. Probation shall be automatically extended until respondent
7 successfully completes her treatment contract. Any person terminated from the program shall be
8 automatically suspended upon notice by the Board. Respondent may not resume the practice of
9 pharmacy until notified by the Board in writing. The Board shall retain jurisdiction to institute
10 action to terminate probation for any violation of this term.

11 16. Random Drug Screening

12 Respondent, at her own expense, shall participate in random testing, including but
13 not limited to biological fluid testing (urine, blood), breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or a drug
14 screening program approved by the Board. The length of time shall be for the entire probation
15 period and the frequency of testing will be determined by the Board. At all times respondent
16 shall fully cooperate with the Board, and shall, when directed, submit to such tests and samples
17 for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotics, dangerous drugs or other controlled substances.
18 Failure to submit to testing as directed shall constitute a violation of probation. Any confirmed
19 positive drug test shall result in the immediate suspension of practice by respondent. Respondent
20 may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the Board in writing.

21 17. Abstain From Drugs and Alcohol Use

22 Respondent shall abstain completely from the possession or use of alcohol,
23 controlled substances, dangerous drugs and their associated paraphernalia except when the drugs
24 are lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment.
25 Upon request of the Board, respondent shall provide documentation from the licensed
26 practitioner that the prescription was legitimately issued and is a necessary part of the treatment
27 of the respondent.

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18. Violation of Probation

If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order which was stayed. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction, and the period of probation shall be extended, until the petition to revoke probation is heard and decided.

If a respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended until all terms and conditions have been met 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 which was stayed.

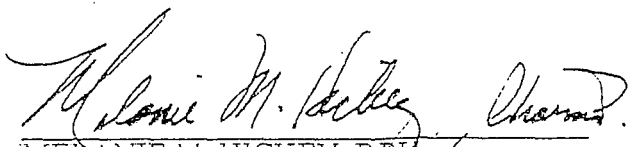
19. Completion of Probation

Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read and considered the above Stipulated and Disciplinary Order. I understand the effect this Stipulation will have on my pharmacist license. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Disciplinary Order and Decision of the California State Board of Pharmacy set forth herein.

DATED: 10/20/2005


MELANIE M. HICKEY, RPH
Respondent

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1 I have read and fully discussed with MELANIE M. HICKEY the terms and
2 conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, and
3 approve of its form and content.

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5 DATED: 10/20/05

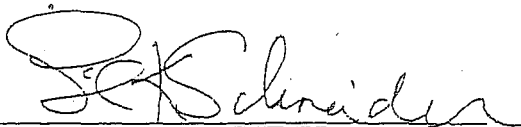
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12 ENDORSEMENT

13 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
14 submitted for consideration by the California State Board of Pharmacy in resolution of the
15 Accusation, Case No. 2813, against MELANIE M. HICKEY.

16 DATED: 10/20/05

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19 of the State of California

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

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2813

13 MELANIE M. HICKEY
14 1451 Babham St #412
El Cajon, CA 92019
15 Pharmacist License No. RPH 36032
16 Respondent.

ACCUSATION

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18 The Complainant, Patricia F. Harris, for cause of accusation against MELANIE
19 M. HICKEY, alleges as follows:

20 PARTIES

21 1. The Complainant, Patricia F. Harris, is the Executive Officer of the
22 California State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter the "Board") and makes this Accusation solely
23 in her official capacity.

24 2. On or about December 12, 1980, the Board issued Original Pharmacist
25 License Number RPH 36032 to respondent MELANIE M. HICKEY (hereinafter respondent
26 "HICKEY"). At all times material herein, respondent HICKEY was and currently is licenced
27 by the Board as a registered pharmacist. The license expires on December 31, 2004, unless
28 renewed.

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JURISDICTION

3. Complainant brings this Accusation under the power vested in the Board in Business and Professions Code section 4300(a) to suspend or revoke licenses issued by the Board pursuant to the California Pharmacy Act, Chapter 9, Division 2, section 4009 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code.

FACTS

4. All times material herein, Oxazepam, Nordizapan and Temazapan were and are trade names for depressants commonly known as benzodiazepines which are designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d) as Schedule IV controlled substances, and by Business and Professions Code section 4022 as dangerous drugs, and used as sedatives.

5. On or about July 7, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Diego, East County Division, in a case entitled *The People of the State of California v. Melanie M. Hickey*, Case No. CE224969, respondent HICKEY was convicted upon her plea of guilty of violating Vehicle Code section 23153(a) (causing bodily injury while driving under the influence), and Vehicle Code section 2800.2 (evading officer with reckless driving). Both crimes are felonies.

6. The facts and circumstances of the convictions under Vehicle Code sections 2800.2 and 23153(a) are that, on August 18, 2002, respondent HICKEY, while driving a motor vehicle under the influence of the benzodiazepines described in paragraph 4 hereinabove, engaged in two collisions with other motor vehicles, and, after the second collision, respondent failed to yield to a pursuing police officer for about five miles.

7. As sentencing for the convictions, respondent HICKEY was placed on probation for five (5) years, ordered to pay a fine of \$1,600, ordered to pay a restitution fine of \$600, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,000, ordered to attend and successfully complete a drug counseling program, ordered to complete a program of residential treatment and aftercare, ordered to attend Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous or a similar organization, and ordered to surrender her driver's license under the authority of Vehicle Code section 13350-51.

8. On or about June 14, 2004, Complainant recommended that respondent

1 HICKEY enter the Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP) pursuant to the provisions in Business
2 and Professions Code sections 4360 to 4373. In or about August, 2004, respondent agreed to
3 enter the PRP. However, on or about August 23, 2004, respondent notified the Board that she
4 declined to participate and was withdrawing from the PRP. On or about August 31, 2004, under
5 the authority of Business and Professions Code section 4369(b), the PRP notified the Board that
6 respondent had withdrawn from the program. This notice to the Board stated, in part: "... it is
7 our belief that Dr. Hickey may represent a risk to the public in her professional role as a
8 pharmacist, should she return to work."

9 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 (Substantially Related Conviction)

11 9. Complainant incorporates herein by this reference the preamble and each
12 of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 8 hereinabove.

13 10. Business and Professions Code section 4301 provides, in part, that the
14 Board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

15 11. Business and Professions Code section 4301(1) provides that
16 unprofessional conduct for a licensed pharmacist includes the conviction of a crime that is
17 substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a licensee under the Pharmacy
18 Act.

19 12. The pharmacist license held by respondent HICKEY is subject to
20 discipline under Business and Professions Code section 4300, in that respondent was guilty
21 of unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Business and Professions Code section 4301(1),
22 through the criminal convictions for causing bodily injury while driving under the influence
23 of benzodiazepines and evading an officer with reckless driving, as described in paragraphs 5, 6
24 and 7 hereinabove.

25 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

26 (Self Administration of Controlled Substance)

27 13. Complainant incorporates herein by this reference the preamble and each
28 of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 8 and 10 hereinabove.

1 14. Business and Professions Code section 4301(h) provides that
2 unprofessional conduct for a licensed pharmacist includes the administering to oneself, of any
3 controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or
4 in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, or to the extent that the use impairs the
5 ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

6 15. The pharmacist license held by respondent HICKEY is subject to
7 discipline under Business and Professions Code section 4300, for unprofessional conduct within
8 the meaning of Business and Professions Code section 4301(h), in that, by driving a motor
9 vehicle under the influence of benzodiazepines, as described in paragraph 6 hereinabove,
10 respondent used controlled substances and dangerous drugs in a manner that was dangerous to
11 herself and the public.

OWNERSHIP PROHIBITION

13 16 Business and Professions Code section 4307(a) provides, in pertinent part,
14 that any person whose license has been revoked or is under suspension shall be prohibited from
15 serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate or partner of a
16 licensee.

17 17. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4307(a), in the event
18 the license issued to respondent HICKEY is revoked or placed on suspension, respondent
19 HICKEY shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer,
20 director, associate or partner of any licensee with rights issued by the Board.

COST RECOVERY

22 18. Business and Professions Code section 125.3(a) provides that, in any order
23 issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the Department of
24 Consumer Affairs, the board may request the Administrative Law Judge to direct a licentiate
25 found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed
26 the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

27 19. Under Business and Professions Code section 101(d), the California State
28 Board of Pharmacy was and is a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs of the State of

1 California. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3(a), the Board hereby
2 requests the Administrative Law Judge who issues a Proposed Decision in this matter to include
3 an Order which provides for the recovery by the Board of the costs of investigation and
4 enforcement of this case against respondent HICKEY, according to proof.

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6 WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be had and that the California
7 State Board of Pharmacy make its Order:

8 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 36032 issued to
9 respondent MELANIE M. HICKEY.

10 2. Prohibiting respondent MELANIE M. HICKEY from serving as a
11 manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee,
12 pursuant to the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 4307(a).

13 3. Directing respondent MELANIE M. HICKEY to pay the California State
14 Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of this matter
15 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3(a), according to proof.

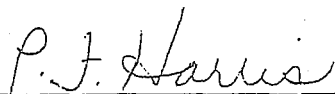
16 4. Taking such further action as is deemed necessary and proper.

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18 DATED: 12/27/04

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PATRICIA F. HARRIS
Executive Officer
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Department of Consumer Affairs

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