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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3522

KELSIE TERAN NARDINI

596 Encore Dr. Handford, CA 93230

Original Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 41156

Respondent.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Surrender 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 March 9, 2011.

It is so ORDERED February 7, 2011.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3522		
12	Kelsie Teran Nardini		
13	596 Encore Dr.  Hanford, CA 93230  STIPULATED SURRENDER OF		
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 41156  LICENSE AND ORDER		
15	Respondent.		
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this		
19	proceeding that the following matters are true:		
20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.		
22	She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Edmund		
23	G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Elena L. Almanzo, Deputy Attorney		
24	General.		
25	2. Kelsie Teran Nardini (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney		
26	Joshua J. Bettencourt, whose address is Kahn, Soares & Conway, 219 N. Douty Street, Hanford,		
27	CA 93230.		
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3. On or about January 28, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 41156 to Kelsie Teran Nardini (Respondent). The license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3522 and will expire on June 30, 2011, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

4. Accusation No. 3522 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board) Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 30, 2010.

Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3522 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3522. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her 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 her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her 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.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

8. Respondent admits the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 14, 15, 16 and 18 of Accusation No. 3522, filed with the Board, agrees that cause exists for discipline, and

hereby surrenders her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 41156 for the Board's formal acceptance.

9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Pharmacy Technician Registration without further process.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

- 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or 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.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 Surrender of License and 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.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the (Board) may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

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## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 41156, issued to Respondent Kelsie Teran Nardini, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 14. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- 15. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a pharmacy technician in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 16. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both her wall license certificate and, if one was issued, pocket license on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 17. Respondent may not apply, reapply, or petition for any licensure or registration of the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 18. Respondent agrees and understands that if she ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time an application is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 3522 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application.
- 19. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 3522 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.
- 20. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$1,150.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

# **ACCEPTANCE** I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Josh Bettencourt. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy. 10-25-2010 Respondent I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Kelsie Teran Nardini the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content. Attorney for Respondent

# **ENDORSEMENT** The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Dated: Respectfully submitted, 10/28/2010 EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Attorney General of California ARTHUR D. TAGGART Supervising Deputy Attorney General Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant 1.1 SA2009103098 10576634.doc

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3522

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15.	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 41156		
16	Respondent.		
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18	Complainant alleges:		
19	PARTIES		
20	1. Virginia K. Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official		
21	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.		
22	2. On or about January 28, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		
23	Registration Number TCH 41156 to Kelsie Teran Nardini (Respondent). The Pharmacy		
24	Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought		
25	herein and will expire on June 30, 2011, unless renewed.		
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## JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
  - 4. Section 4300 of the Code states:
  - "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
- "(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods:
  - "(1) Suspending judgment.
  - "(2) Placing him or her upon probation.
  - "(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.
  - "(4) Revoking his or her license.
- "(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its discretion may deem proper.
- "(c) The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional conduct. The board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to any applicant for a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct and who has met all other requirements for licensure. The board may issue the license subject to any terms or conditions not contrary to public policy, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - "(1) Medical or psychiatric evaluation.
  - "(2) Continuing medical or psychiatric treatment.
  - "(3) Restriction of type or circumstances of practice.
  - "(4) Continuing participation in a board-approved rehabilitation program.
  - "(5) Abstention from the use of alcohol or drugs.
  - "(6) Random fluid testing for alcohol or drugs.
  - "(7) Compliance with laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy.

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"(d) The board may initiate disciplinary proceedings to revoke or suspend any probationary certificate of licensure for any violation of the terms and conditions of probation. Upon satisfactory completion of probation, the board shall convert the probationary certificate to a regular certificate, free of conditions.

"(e) The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein. The action shall be final, except that the propriety of the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure."

5. Section 4301 of the Code states in pertinent part:

"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:

- "(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.
- "(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.
- "(i) Except as otherwise authorized by law, knowingly selling, furnishing, giving away, or administering or offering to sell, furnish, give away, or administer any controlled substance to an addict.
- "(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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- "(k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.
- "(1) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.
- "(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.
- 6. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations 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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#### 7. Section 4060 of the Code states:

"No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1, or a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5, or a pharmacist pursuant to either subparagraph (D) of paragraph (4) of, or clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of, subdivision (a) of Section 4052. This section shall not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, pharmacist, physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, naturopathic doctor, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, when in stock in containers correctly labeled with the name and address of the supplier or producer.

"Nothing in this section authorizes a certified nurse-midwife, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, or a naturopathic doctor, to order his or her own stock of dangerous drugs and devices."

- 8. Business and Professions Code section 4022 provides as follows:
- "Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:
- (a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.
- (b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a \_\_\_\_\_\_," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
- (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."
  - 9. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or

revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

#### DRUGS

- 10. "Phentermine," is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(f)(4).
- 11. "Klonopin" is a dangerous drug as defined by Business and Professions code section 4022.
- 12. "Soma" is the Brand name for carisoprodol and is a dangerous drug as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 13. "Vicodin" is a dangerous drug as defined by Business and Professions code section 4022. It is a compound consisting of 5 mg. hydrocodone bitartrate also known as dihydrocodeinone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4), and 500 mg. acetaminophen per tablet.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Conviction of a Crime)

- 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 490 and 4301 subds. (k) and (l) in that she was convicted of a crime substantially related to the practice of a pharmacy technician. The circumstances are as follows:
- 15. On or about June 18, 2007, in *People v. Kelsie Teran Nardini*, Superior Court of California, County of San Luis Obispo, Case No. M000400830, respondent was convicted on her plea of nolo contendere to a violation of Vehicle Code section 23152 (a), for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 16. On or about March 17, 2007, respondent was stopped based upon her erratic driving. Respondent admitted to the California Highway patrol that she had taken one 25 mg. paxil and .5 mg. of Klonopin as well as one Vicodin and one Soma tablet. Respondent was found in possession of an aspirin bottle which contained one tablet of Soma 320 mg, 2 tablets of

Phertermine 37.5 mg, 3 tablets of Klonopin .5 mg., and 4 tablets of Vicodin. Respondent further admitted that she did not have a prescription for Soma, Vicodin, or Phetermine.

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of a Controlled Substance)

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4060 and 4301 subdivisions (j) and (o) in that she illegally possessed controlled substances. The circumstances are set forth above in paragraph 16, above.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Use of Alcohol or Drugs in a Manner Dangerous to Self or Others)

18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 (h) in that she used alcohol or drugs in a manner dangerous to herself or others as set forth in paragraph 16, above.

## PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 41156, issued to Kelsie Teran Nardini Kelsie Teran Nardini.
- 2. Ordering Kelsie Teran Nardini to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 4/23/10

VIRGINIA K. HEROLD Executive Officer

Board of Pharmacy State of California Complainant

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