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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3626

WONG & BRAGDON PHARMACY, INC. dba PATTERSON FAMILY PHARMACY 47 South Del Puerto Avenue Patterson, CA 95363 Pharmacy No. PHY 47152 WILLIAM THOMAS BRAGDON JR. Original Pharmacist License No. 52585 JOHN F. WONG Original Pharmacist License No. 52583

Respondent.

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the

Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on October 27, 2010.

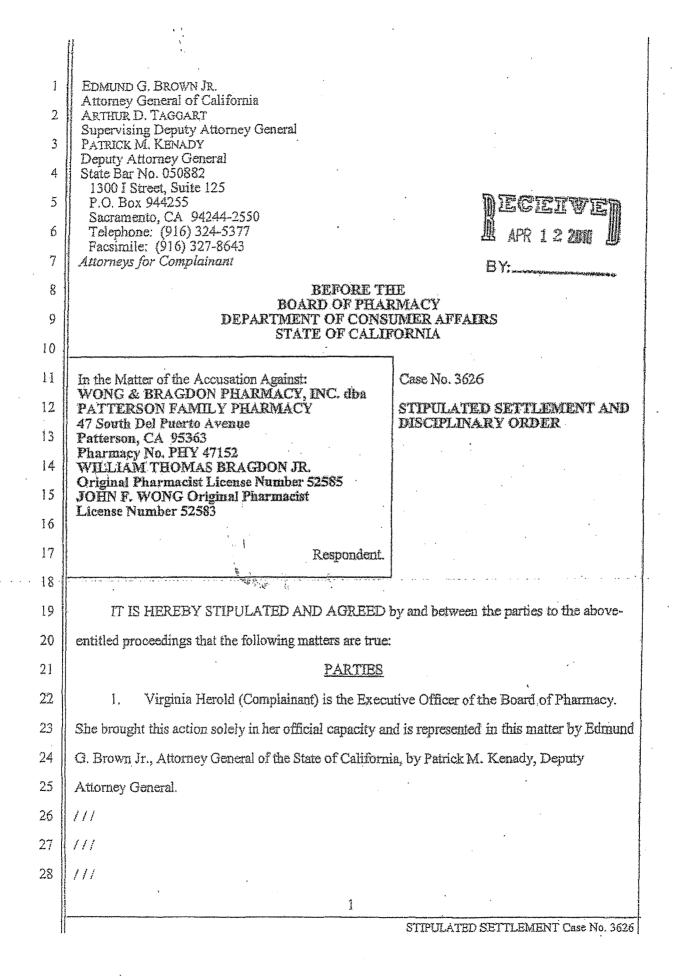
It is so ORDERED on September 27, 2010.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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By

STANLEY C. WEISSER Board President



2. Respondents PATTERSON FAMILY PHARMACY, WILLIAM THOMAS
 BRAGDON JR., and JOHN F. WONG are represented in this proceeding by attorney Richard G.
 Cenci, whose address is 5740 N. Palm Avenue, Suite 111
 Fresno, CA. 93704.

On or about May 27, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacy Permit
 Number PHY 47152 to WONG & BRAGDON PHARMACY, INC. dba PATTERSON
 FAMILY PHARMACY (Respondent PATTERSON). The Original Pharmacy Permit was in full
 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 1,
 2010, unless renewed.

4. On or about August 30, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist
 License Number 52585 to WILLIAM THOMAS BRAGDON JR. (Respondent BRAGDON) The
 Original Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
 brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2010, unless renewed.

5. On or about August 30, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist
License Number 52583 to JOHN F. WONG (Respondent WONG). The Original Pharmacist
License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
expire on January 31, 2011 unless renewed.

### JURISDICTION

Accusation No. 3626 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
 Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. Respondents acknowledge
 proper service of the Accusation and all other statutorily required documents. A copy of
 Accusation No. 3626 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Citation No. CI 2009 42451 against William Thomas Bragdon Jr., Citation
 No. CI 2009 4252 against John F. Wong, and Citation No. 2008 38090 against Patterson Family
 Pharmacy were issued and served on respondent on December 14, 2009.

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# ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

7. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the
charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3626. Respondents have also carefully read, fully
discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
Order.

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

9. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and
every right set forth above.

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### CULPABILITY

16 10. Respondents admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation17 No. 3626.

18 I. Respondents agree that the Original Pharmacy Permit and Original Pharmacist
19 Licenses are subject to discipline and they agree to be bound by the Board of Pharmacy's (Board)
20 imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

### RESERVATION

12. The admissions made by Respondents herein are only for the purposes of this
proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Pharmacy or other professional
licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil
proceeding.

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### CONTINGENCY

13. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondents
understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may

communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, 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.

14. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

15. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

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

# DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Original Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 47152 issued to Respondent WONG & BRAGDON PHARMACY, INC. dba PATTERSON FAMILY PHARMACY, Original Pharmacist License herein RPH52585 issued to Respondent WILLIAM THOMAS BRAGDON JR. and Original Pharmacist License No. RPH52583 issued to Respondent JOHN F. WONG are revoked. However, the revocations are stayed and Respondents are placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

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**Civil** Penalties 1 Ĩ Respondents shall pay civil penalties to the BOARD in the amounts and on such terms as 2 specified below. Respondents understand and agree that such civil penalties are administrative 3 fines under 11USCA523(a)(7) and not dischargeable in bankruptcy: 4 Respondent WONG & BRAGDON PHARMACY, INC. dba PATTERSON a. 5 FAMILY PHARMACY shall pay a civil penalty of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS б (\$100,000); 7 Respondent WILLIAM THOMAS BRAGDON JR. shall pay a civil penalty of b. 8 FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$50,000); 9 Respondent JOHN F. WONG shall pay a civil penalty of FIFTY THOUSAND 10 с. DOLLARS (\$50,000). 11 Respondents shall make payment of the assessed civil penalties as follows. đ. 12 Payments shall be made in 18 equal installments, beginning with the first payment on or before 13 the effective date of this decision and a payment every ninety (90) days thereafter. 14 A failure to make any payment shall be considered in violation of probation. It is the 15 responsibility of respondents to mail or otherwise deliver each payment directly to the Board at 16 the Board's Sacramento address in a timely manner. Respondent may pay the full remaining 17 unpaid balance at any time. 18 Withdrawal of Citations 19 2. Upon the effective date of this order, the citations against respondents shall be withdrawn. 20Obey All Laws 3. 21 22Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations. Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the board, in writing, within 23 seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence: 24 25 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 26 substances laws 27 28 111 5

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Armed	<ul> <li>a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any</li> </ul>
2	criminal complaint, information or indictment
3	<ul> <li>a conviction of any crime</li> </ul>
4	• discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
5	which involves respondents' licenses or permit which is related to the practice of
б	pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging
7	for any drug, device or controlled substance.
8	Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.
9	4. Report to the Board
10	Respondent shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the board or its
11	designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other
12	requirements, respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has
13	been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports
14	in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency
15	in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if
16	the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until
17	such time as the final report is made and accepted by the board.
18	5. Interview with the Board
19	Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, respondent shall appear in person for interviews
20	with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its
21	designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff,
22	or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during
23	the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.
24	6. Cooperate with Board Staff
25	Respondent shall cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's
26	monitoring and investigation of respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of their
27	probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.
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### 7. Continuing Education

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

8. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of
the decision in case number 3626 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on
respondent by the decision, as follows:

8 Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of 9 respondent undertaking any new employment, respondent shall cause their direct supervisor, 10 pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during respondent's 11 tenure of employment) and owner to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed 12 individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 3626, and terms and conditions imposed 13 thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that their employer(s) and/or 14 supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

If respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent must notify their direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 3626 in advance of the respondent commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent shall cause their direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that they has read the decision in case number 3626 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that their employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board. Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause that/those

employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgments to the board shall be considered a violation of
 probation.

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

9. Reimbursement of Board Costs

Reimbursement of Board Costs under Section 125.3 is waived.

10. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the board on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

11. Status of License

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

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

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# 12. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent cease practice due to 2122 retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, 23 respondent may tender their license to the board for surrender. The board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems 24 appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, respondent 25 26 will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the respondent's license history with the board. 27 111 28

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

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

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

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

14. Tolling of Probation

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

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

It is a violation of probation for respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the

provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months,
 exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which respondent is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours, as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar month during which respondent is practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

15. Violation of Probation

9 If a respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the board shall 10 have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended, until 11 all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the board has taken other action as deemed 12 appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and 13 to impose the penalty that was stayed.

14 If respondent violates probation in any respect, the board, after giving respondent notice 15 and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that 16 was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a 17 violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If 18 a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during probation, the 19 board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically 20 extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

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16. Completion of Probation

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

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

During the period of probation, respondent WONG shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the board nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order.

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Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

18. Notice to Employees

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Respondent owner shall, upon or before the effective date of this decision, ensure that all 4 employees involved in permit operations are made aware of all the terms and conditions of 5 probation, either by posting a notice of the terms and conditions, circulating such notice, or both. б If the notice required by this provision is posted, it shall be posted in a prominent place and shall 7 remain posted throughout the probation period. Respondent owner shall ensure that any 8 employees hired or used after the effective date of this decision are made aware of the terms and C conditions of probation by posting a notice, circulating a notice, or both. Additionally, 10 respondent owner shall submit written notification to the board, within fifteen (15) days of the 11 12 effective date of this decision, that this term has been satisfied. Failure to submit such 13 notification to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

14 "Employee" as used in this provision includes all full-time, part-time, volunteer, temporary and relief employees and independent contractors employed or hired at any time during 15 probation. 16

19. Owners and Officers: Knowledge of the Law

Respondent shall provide, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this decision, 18 19 signed and dated statements from its owners, including any owner or holder of ten percent (10%) 20 or more of the interest in respondent or respondent's stock, and any officer, stating under penalty of perjury that said individual have read and are familiar with state and federal laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy. The failure to timely provide said statements 22 under penalty of perjury shall be considered a violation of probation. 23

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Posted Notice of Probation 20.

Respondent owner shall prominently post a probation notice provided by the board in a 25 place conspicuous and readable to the public. The probation notice shall remain posted during 26 the entire period of probation. 27

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Respondent owner shall not, directly or indirectly, engage in any conduct or make any

statement which is intended to mislead or is likely to have the effect of misleading any patient, customer, member of the public, or other person(s) as to the nature of and reason for the probation of the licensed entity.

Failure to post such notice shall be considered a violation of probation.

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21. Community Services Program

As a further term of and in consideration of this settlement, Respondents Bragdon and 6 Wong have authored letters describing their incentives to participate and their participation in 7 filling and/or dispensing internet descriptions for an internet provider in violation of California 8 law, and detailing the consequences of this participation on them, their families, the public health, Q and their profession. These letters detail what Respondents have learned from this experience and 10what they would advise others who are approached to fill prescriptions from an internet provider. The letters are attached hereto as exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference. These letters 12 13 are part of Respondents' public record of discipline with the Board. The Board may print/reprint 14 either or both of these letters in Board communications and on its website, for deterrent and/or 15 educational purposes. Furthermore, Respondents Bragdon and Wong shall participate in a video taping of them reading each of their letters, at a time and place arranged by the Board or its 16 designee upon reasonable notice to Respondents. The Board may use this video for deterrent 17 and/or educational purposes. 18

19 Failure to timely appear upon reasonable notice for and cooperate with the above-described video taping shall be considered a violation of probation. 20

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#### Consultant for Owner or Pharmacist-In-Charge 22,

Respondent Bragdon may be a pharmacist-in-charge. However, if during the period of probation 22 respondent serves as a pharmacist-in-charge, respondent shall retain an independent consultant at 23 his or her own expense who shall be responsible for reviewing pharmacy operations on a 24 quarterly basis for compliance by respondent with state and federal laws and regulations 25 governing the practice of pharmacy and for compliance by respondent with the obligations of a 26 27 pharmacist-in-charge. The consultant shall be a pharmacist licensed by and not on probation with the board and whose name shall be submitted to the board or its designee, for prior approval, 28

within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision. Respondent shall not be a
 pharmacist-in-charge at more than one pharmacy or at any pharmacy of which he or she is not the
 sole owner. Failure to timely retain, seek approval of, or ensure timely reporting by the
 consultant shall be considered a violation of probation.

# ACCEPTANCE

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

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WILLIAM THOMAS BRACHON JR. individually and as President, WONG & BRACHON PHARMACY, INC. dbs PATTERSON FAMILY PHARMACY Respondents

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21 DATED: WONG individually and for WONG & 22 BRAGDON PHARMACY, INC. dba PATTERSON FAMILY PHARMACY 23 Respondents 24 I have read and fully discussed with Respondents BRAGDON, WONG and PATTERSON 25 FAMILY PHARMACY the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above 26 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content. -/0 27 DATED: Richard G. Cenci .28 Attorney for Respondent

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ENDORSEMENT -The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. 10,2010 Respectfully Submitted, Dated: EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Attorney General of California б ARTHUR D. TAGGART Supervising Deputy Attorney General PATRICK M. KENADY Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SA2010100186 10531048.doc STIPULATED SETTLEMENT Case No. 3626

# Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3626

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1	EDMUND G. BROWN JR.	
2	Attorney General of California ARTHUR D. TAGGART	
3	Supervising Deputy Attorney General PATRICK M. KENADY	
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7	Attorneys for Complainant	
8	BEFORE THE	
9	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3626	
1.2	WONG & BRAGDON PHARMACY, INC. dba PATTERSON FAMILY PHARMACY	
13	47 South Del Puerto Avenue A C C U S A T I O N	
14	Patterson, CA 95363 Original Pharmacy No. PHY 47152	
15	WILLIAM THOMAS BRAGDON JR. Original Pharmacist License Number 52585	
16	JOHN F. WONG Original Pharmacist License Number 52583	
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	Respondents	
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19	Complainant alleges:	
20	PARTIES	
21	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
22	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
23	2. On or about May 27, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacy Permit	
24	No. PHY 47152 to WONG & BRAGDON PHARMACY, INC. dba PATTERSON FAMILY	
25	PHARMACY (Respondent PATTERSON). The Original Pharmacy Permit was in full force and	
. 26	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 1, 2010, unless	
27	renewed.	
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1	3. On or about August 30, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist
2	License Number 52585 to WILLIAM THOMAS BRAGDON JR. (Respondent BRAGDON) The
3	Original Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
4	brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2010, unless renewed.
5	4. On or about October 31, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist
6	License Number 52583 to JOHN F. WONG (Respondent WONG). The Original Pharmacist
7-	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
8	expire on January 31, 2011 unless renewed.
9	JURISDICTION
10	5. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
11	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the
12	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
13	6. Section 4300 of the Code states:
14	"(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
15	"(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default
16	has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the
- 17	following methods:
18	"(1) Suspending judgment.
19	"(2) Placing him or her upon probation.
20	"(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.
21	"(4) Revoking his or her license.
22	"(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its
23	discretion may deem proper.
24 ·	"(c) The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional conduct. The
25	board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to any applicant for a license who is
26	guilty of unprofessional conduct and who has met all other requirements for licensure. The board
. 27	may issue the license subject to any terms or conditions not contrary to public policy, including,
28	but not limited to, the following:

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"(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.

"(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 14 the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of 15 Civil Procedure." 16

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Section 4301 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional 18 19 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: 20

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"(i) 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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"(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.

8. Section 4067 states;

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"(a) No person or entity shall dispense or furnish, or cause to be dispensed or furnished, dangerous drugs or dangerous devices. As defined in section 4022, on the internet for delivery to any person in this state without a prescription issued pursuant to a good faith prior examination of a human or animal for whom the prescription is meant if the person knew or reasonably should have known that the prescription was not issued pursuant to a good faith examination of a human or animal, or if the person or entity did not act in accordance with Section 1861 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a violation of this action may subject the
 person or entity that has committed the violation to either a fine of up to twenty-five thousand
 dollars (\$25,000) per occurrence pursuant to a citation issued by the board or a civil penalty of
 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per occurrence.

(e) For the purpose of this section, "good faith prior examination" includes the requirements
for a physician and surgeon in Section 2242 and the requirements for a veterinarian in Section
2032.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations."

9. 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.

10. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the
suspension/expiration/surrender/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.

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1	FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
2	(VIOLATION OF STATUTE)	
3	11. Respondent BRAGDON is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 (j) in that	
4	Respondent BRAGDON between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007 furnished 237 controlled	
5	substance prescriptions to California residents pursuant to prescription issued via the Internet	
6	which were without a good faith prior exam in violation of section 4067.	
7	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
8 .	(VIOLATION OF STATUTE)	
9	12. Respondent BRAGDON is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(j) in that	
10	Respondent BRAGDON between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007 was Pharmacist in	
11	Charge when an unidentified pharmacist while working at Patterson Family Pharmacy furnished	
12	125 controlled substance prescriptions on documents that were not initialed by the dispensing	
13	pharmacist to California residents pursuant to prescriptions issued via the Internet which were	
14	without good faith prior exam in violation of section 4067.	
15	THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
16	(VIOLATION OF STATUTE)	
-17-	13. Respondent BRAGDON is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(j) in that	
18	Respondent BRAGDON between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007 was Pharmacist in	
19	Charge when an unidentified pharmacist while working at Patterson Family Pharmacy furnished	
20 <sup>,</sup>	111 controlled substance prescription with illegible dispensing pharmacist's initials on the	
21	prescription document to California residents pursuant to prescription issued via the Internet	
22	which were without a prior good faith exam in violation of section 4067.	
23	FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
24	(VIOLATION OF REGULATION)	
25	14. Respondent BRAGDON is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(o) in that	
26	respondent BRAGDON between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007 was Pharmacist in	
27	Charge when an unknown pharmacist furnished 125 controlled substance prescriptions to	
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	1	California residents on documents that were not initialed by the dispensing pharmacist in	
	2	violations of California Code of Regulations, section 1717, subdivision(b)(1).	
	3	FIFTH CAUSE OF DISCIPLINE	
,	4	(VIOLATION OF STATUTE)	
	5	15. Respondent BRAGDON is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(j) in that	
	6	Respondent BRAGDON between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007 was Pharmacist in	
	7	Charge when Patterson Family Pharmacy failed to report dispensing 65 Schedule II controlled	
	8	substance prescriptions, 461 Schedule III controlled substance prescriptions, and 176 Schedule IV	
	9	controlled prescriptions to Controlled Substance Review and Evaluation System (CURES) in	
	10	violation of Health and Safety Code section 11165, subdivision (d).	
	11	SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
	. 12	(VIOLATION OF STATUTE)	
	13	16. Respondent WONG is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(j) in that	
	14	Respondent WONG between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007 furnished 339 controlled	
	15	substance prescriptions to California residents pursuant to prescription issued via the Internet	
	16	which were without a good faith prior exam in violation of section 4067.	
• • •	- 1-7	SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
	18	(VIOLATION OF STATUTE)	
	19	17. Respondent PATTERSON is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 (j) in	
	20	that Respondent PATTERSON between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007 furnished 812	
	21	controlled substance prescriptions to California residents pursuant to prescription issued via the	
	22	Internet which were without a good faith prior exam in violation of section 4067.	
	23	EIGHTH CAUSE OF DISCIPLINE	
	24	(VIOLATION OF STATUTE OR REGULATION)	
•	25	18. Respondent PATTERSON is subject to disciplinary action of section 4301(o) in that	
	26	Respondent PATTERSON between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007	
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furnished 125 controlled substance prescriptions to California residents on documents that were not initialed by the dispensing pharmacist in violation of California Code of Regulations, section 1717, subdivision (b)(1).

# NINTH CAUSE OF DISCIPLINE

# (VIOLATION OF STATUTE)

Respondent PATTERSON is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(j) in 19. that Respondent PATTERSON between December 14, 2006 and June 13, 2007 failed to report dispensing 65 Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions, 461 Schedule III controlled substance prescriptions, and 176 Schedule TV controlled prescriptions to Controlled Substance Review and Evaluation System (CURES) in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11165, subdivision (d).

### PRAYER

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

1. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacy Number PHY 47152, issued to WONG & BRAGDON PHARMACY, INC. dba PATTERSON FAMILY PHARMACY.

Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist License Number 52585, issued to WILLIAM THOMAS BRAGDON JR. 1.8

Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist License Number 52583, issued to 19 3. JOHN F. WONG, 20

Ordering Respondents PATTERSON FAMILY PHARMACY, WILLIAM THOMAS 4. 21 BRAGDON JR. and JOHN F. WONG to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the 22 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code 23 section 125.3; 2.4

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Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. ·5, -1 DATED: VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant<sup>\*</sup> SA2010100186 10530780.doc . 12 Accusation

### DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

Case Name: In the Matter of the Accusations Against: Wong & Bragdon Pharmacy, Inc. dba Patterson Family Pharmacy; William Thomas Bragdon Jr.; John F. Wong

Case No.: 3626

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On <u>April 9, 2010</u>, I served the attached ACCUSATION; STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT; REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY; NOTICE OF DEFENSE (2 blank copies) and COPY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 1300 I Street, Suite 125, P.O. Box 944255, Sacramento, CA 94244-2550, addressed as follows:

Richard G. Cenci Attorney at Law 5740 N. Palm Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, CA 93704 Attorney for Respondent

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on April 9, 2010, at Sacramento, California.

Christina A. Pek Declarant

Signature

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Exhibit B

Letters

To Whom It May Concern:

We, Patterson Family Pharmacy, were approached by a company named TeleMed to possibly fill prescriptions and mail them to their patients. We were given names of several pharmacies as references. We called and were able to verify their relationship with TeleMed. The contract that was offered to us ranged between \$5 to \$10 for each prescription plus the cost of each medication. We believed that each patient had a good faith prior exam with the MD which was stated on each prescription and signed by the MD.

The web portal that we had been given access to pertaining to the patient profiles was extensive. Each electronic health record varied from x-rays, prior MD consults, CT records and results, and prescription history.

One day we received a phone call from a pharmacy located somewhere in the Mid-West stating that what we were doing was possibly violating the law. I immediately searched and located a cell phone number for Inspector Joseph Wong, which was on a business card from a prior annual visit, and called Inspector Wong. Inspector Wong stated that if there were any questions as to the validity of what we were doing that it was his recommendation to cease our actions. We immediately stopped filling TeleMed prescriptions.

The untold stress and emotional rollercoaster that I have put my family, my true friend and business partner John Wong and myself have been tremendous. Western medical literature can support and corroborate the premise that emotional stress on an individual can and will have severe and ever reaching consequences. I have become a poor example. Something I did not wish to be. Diagnosed with hypertension, sleepless nights, and irritability are just a few of the outcomes that I have been handed. The financial strains will be felt for decades by my family. Ashamed, humiliated, and embarrassed. I just hope and believe that I will be able to restore my faith and integrity in a profession that I so passionately love.

Sincerely,

Tom Bragdon

### To whom it may concern:

We (the pharmacy) were approached to provide internet prescription service by a fax solicitation. We were contacted by the company and explained that we would be providing medications thru the mail from written orders from their physicians. We were put in touch with other pharmacies that were also providing this service as references. The enticement of providing these services was a dispensing fee between \$5 and\$ 10 per prescription.

I believed the patients had a good faith exam from the medical information that was provided in their profile. Detailed information was provided such as medical exams with x-ray information. For the given information, I did not doubt the validity of these patient's medical conditions

I filled approximately 339 controlled prescriptions.

I ceased filling the internet prescriptions after we consulted with a state board investigator who told us if you don't think its legal then stop. Once that was said, we ceased all processing of prescriptions.

I was never given any sales pitch to provide service for any other internet provider or to increase the number or prescriptions filled.

The fallout of this episode in my life is of emotional distress on me, financial hardship and a disgrace to my profession. I believed this to be a legal venture and thought we had researched this completely. This legal progress has caused me untold emotional pain. It has led to sleepless nights and irritability. It has drained finances that I would otherwise have, making myself conscience of all my expenses. It has also put a shame on my profession since I should have been up to date on the law and should have used better judgment on what I was doing. This also brings doubt in trust with the public and which I hope to reestablish by being the best pharmacist that I can be.

Sincerely,

John Wong