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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3798

MARCELLA DALE PARIC

1770 Frambuesa Drive San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 60941

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 October 4, 2013.

It is so ORDERED on September 4, 2013.

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12	MARCELLA DALE PARIC 1770 Frambuesa Drive  OAH No. 2012080589
13	San Luis Obispo, CA 93405, Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 60941  STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER
14	Respondent.
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16	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this
17	proceeding that the following matters are true:
18	<u>PARTIES</u>
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.
20	She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala
21	D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Thomas L. Rinaldi, Deputy Attorney
22	General.
23	2. Marcella Dale Paric (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney
24	Nicole D. Hanley, whose address is 3835 North Freeway Blvd., Ste. 228, Sacramento, CA 92534.
25	3. On or about May 3, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist License
26	No. RPH 60941 to Respondent. The Original Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at
27	all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3798 and will expire on November 30
28	2013, unless renewed.

### JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 3798 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 June 11, 2012.

Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3798 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3798. 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 understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3798, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Original Pharmacist License.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline.

Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Original Pharmacist License without further process.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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:

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 60941, issued to Respondent Marcella Dale Paric, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of respondent's license history with the Board of Pharmacy.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a pharmacist in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure.
- 5. Respondent may not apply for any license, permit, or registration from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of this decision. Respondent stipulates that should she apply for any license from the board on or after the effective date of this decision, all allegations set forth in Accusation, No. 3798 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application. Respondent shall satisfy all requirements applicable to that license as of the date the application is submitted to the board, including, but not limited to certification by a nationally recognized body prior to the issuance of a new license. Respondent is required to report this surrender as disciplinary action:
- 6. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$4,400.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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# ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Nicole Hanley. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Original Pharmacist License. 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.

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DATED:

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MARCELLA DALE PARIC

Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Marcolla Dale Pario the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted

Attorney for Responders

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for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

5-8-2013

Respectfully submitted,

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Stipulated Surrender of License (Case No. 3798)

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3798

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13	1770 Frambuesa Drive San Luis Obispo, CA 93405  ACCUSATION
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15	Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 60941
16	Respondent.
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18	Complainant alleges:
19	<u>PARTIES</u>
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
21	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about May 3, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Original Pharmacist
23	License No. RPH 60941 to Marcella Dale Paric (Respondent). The Original Pharmacist License
24	was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on
25	November 30, 2013, unless renewed.
26	JURISDICTION
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following
28	laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated
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Accusation

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender, cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
  - 5. Section 490 provides, in pertinent part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken 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 the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
  - 6. Section 4060 provides, in pertinent part:

"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."

7. Section 4300 provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is

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subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.

3. Section 4301 provides, 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.

"(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.

"(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."

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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."
  - 9. Health and Safety Code section 11550, subdivision (a) states; in pertinent part:

"No person shall use, or be under the influence of any controlled substance which is (1) specified in subdivision (b), (c), or (e), or paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 11054, specified in paragraph (14), (15), (21), (22), or (23) of subdivision (d) of Section 11054, specified in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 11055, or specified in paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (d) or in paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 11055, or (2) a narcotic drug classified in Schedule III, IV, or V, except when administered by or under the direction of a person licensed by the state to dispense, prescribe, or administer controlled substances."

### REGULATORY PROVISIONS

10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, provides, in pertinent part:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner

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### COST RECOVERY

11. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### DANGEROUS DRUG/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 12. "Hydromet," is a Schedule III controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11056(e), and is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 13. "Tussionex," a brand name for hydrocodone polistirex 10mg./5ml., is a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)4) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.
- 14. "Phentermine," (brand name Adipex-P) is a Scheduled IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.
- 15. "Soma," a brand name for carisoprodol, is a dangerous drug according to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Conviction of a Substantially-Related Crime)

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490, and 4301, subdivision (1), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that on or around September 15, 2010, Respondent pled nolo contendere to one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 484, subdivision (a) (Petty Theft) in a criminal proceeding entitled The People of the State of California v. Marcella Dale Paric aka Marcella Dale Von Gortler aka Marcella Dale Vongortler aka Marcella Daric aka Marcella Dale Vangortler (Super. Ct. Santa Barbara County, 2009, No. 1348306). The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or around April 22, 2010, Respondent was observed via recorded video footage consuming

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (h) and Health and Safety Code section 11170 in that she furnished and administered controlled substances to herself while working as pharmacist at Von's Store Pharmacy. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 16, as though

Hydromet Syrup while working as a pharmacist at Von's Store Pharmacy. During the course of a

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### (Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, and 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o) in conjunction with section 4060, in that Respondent unlawfully possessed controlled substances while working as a pharmacist at Von's Store Pharmacy. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (f), in that Respondent committed acts of moral turpitude and/or dishonest when she stole narcotic substances from her employer, Von's Store Pharmacy. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 16 as though set forth

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#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Furnishing Dangerous Drugs Without a Prescription)

20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, and 4301, subdivision (j), in conjunction with section 4059, subdivision (a) in that Respondent furnished drugs to herself without a prescription while employed as a pharmacist at Von's Store Pharmacy. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 16 as though set forth fully.

### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Practicing Pharmacy While Impaired)

21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (o), in conjunction with section 4327 in that Respondent practiced pharmacy after consuming a controlled substance. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 16 as though set forth fully.

### PRAYER

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

- Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 60941, issued to Marcella Dale Paric;
- 2. Ordering Marcella Dale Paric 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; and
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 5/25/12

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer

Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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