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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3919

HANNAH MASON 40215 Harris Ln., #108 Palm Desert, CA 92211

Pharmacist License No. RPH 46923

Respondent.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is here by adopted by the Board of

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

This decision shall become effective on April 22, 2015.

It is so ORDERED on April 15, 2015.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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14	Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 46923		
15	Respondent.		
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-		
18	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
19	PARTIES		
20	1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.		
21	She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala		
22	D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael Brown, Deputy Attorney		
23	General.		
24	2. Respondent Hannah Mason ("Respondent") is representing herself in this proceeding		
25	and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.		
26	3. On or about March 16, 1994, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist		
27	License No. RPH 46923 to Respondent. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at		
28	all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3919 and will expire on July 31, 2015,		
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	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (3919)		

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1	unless renewed. On or about April 23, 2012, pursuant to Case No. 4207, Respondent's license
2	was revoked, stayed and placed on probation for four (4) years subject to certain terms and
3	conditions. In a prior disciplinary action entitled In the Matter of the Accusation Against Hannah
4	Mason and PalmerRx, Inc. dba Acton Pharmacy before the Board, in Case No. 4207, the Board
5	placed Respondent on four (4) years probation pursuant to certain terms and conditions. A copy
6	of the Decision is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.
7	JURISDICTION
8	4. Accusation No. 3919 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
9	Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other
10	statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 7, 2014.
11	Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation
12	No. 3919 is attached as exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.
13	ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS
14	5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in
15	Accusation No. 3919. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this
16	Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
17	6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
18	hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at
19	her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to
20	present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to
21	compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration
22	and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California
23	Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
24	7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently walves and gives up each and
25	every right set forth above.
26	<u>CULPABILITY</u>
27	8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
28	No. 3919.
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9. Respondent agrees that her Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

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#### CONTINGENCY

This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent 4 10. understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may 5 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to 6 7 or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent únderstands and agrees 8 that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the 9 Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and 10 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 11 not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter. 12

13 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
14 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including Portable Document Format
15 (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

16 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an
17 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
18 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
19 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
20 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a
21 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
Disciplinary Order:

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 46923 issued to Respondent
is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent's current probation is extended by
two (2) additional years on the following terms and conditions.

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1	1. Obey All Laws
2	Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.
3	Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the board, in writing, within
4	seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:
5	• an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the
6	Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled
7	substances laws
8	• a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any
9	criminal complaint, information or indictment
10	• a conviction of any crime
11	• discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
12	which involves Respondent's license or which is related to the practice of pharmacy
13	or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging for any
14	drug, device or controlled substance.
15	Failure to timely report such occurrence(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.
16	2. Report to the Board
17	Respondent shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the board or its
18	designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other
19	requirements, Respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has
20	been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports
21	in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency
22	in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if
23	the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until
24	such time as the final report is made and accepted by the board.
25	3. Interview with the Board
26	Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent shall appear in person for interviews
27	with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its
28	designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff,
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or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 4. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's
monitoring and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of her
probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

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#### 5. Continuing Education

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

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#### 6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 3919 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking any new employment, Respondent shall cause her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during Respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 3919, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or 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 her 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 3919 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 her direct supervisor with the pharmacy

employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that she has read the decision
 in case number 3919 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's
 responsibility to ensure that her 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.

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

During the period of probation, Respondent 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. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

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#### 8. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent shall pay to the
board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$3,264.00 (Three Thousand Two
Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars). Respondent shall make payment on a plan approved by the Board.
There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the board or
its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of
probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of her responsibility
to reimburse the board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

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#### 9. 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.

#### 10. 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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#### 11. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

15 Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, 16 Respondent may tender her license to the board for surrender. The board or its designee shall 17 18 have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent 19 will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a 20record of discipline and shall become a part of the Respondent's license history with the board. 21Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall relinquish her pocket and wall license 22 to the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board that the surrender is accepted. 23 Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective 24 date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as 25 of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board, including any outstanding 26 27 costs.

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# 12. 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.

13. Tolling of Probation

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Except during periods of suspension, Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of (forty) 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 (forty) 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 (forty) 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 (forty)

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hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

14. Violation of Probation

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If 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 satisfied 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 that was stayed.

9 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 that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. 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 automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

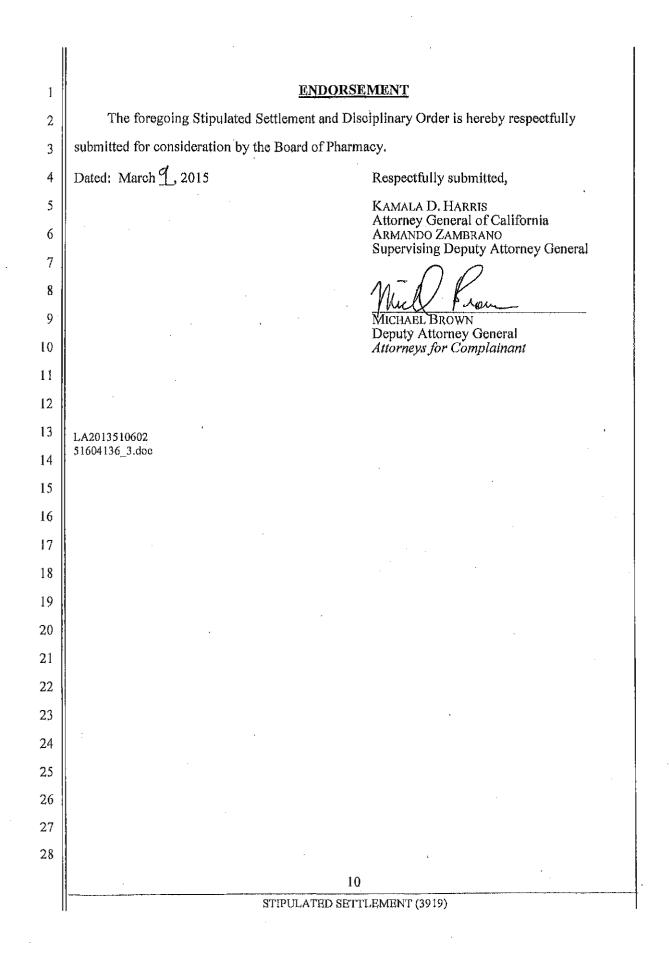
#### 15. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the board or irs designee indicating successful completion ofprobation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the
stipulation and the effect it will have on 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.

24 DATED: 3/09/205 NOSON 25JNAH MASON 26 Respondent  $\mathbf{27}$  $\Pi$  $\mathbf{28}$ III9 STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (3919)



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15	Respondent.							
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17	Complainant alleges:							
18	PARTIES							
1 <b>9</b>	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity							
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.							
21	2. On or about March 16, 1994, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License							
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28	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.							
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4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the

suspension/expiration/surrender/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the

Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period
within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

5 5. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both
6 the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances
7 Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].

8 6. Section 4300(a) of the Code states that every license issued by the Board may be
9 suspended or revoked.

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Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

11 "The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by
12 operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license
13 on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board
14 of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary
15 proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license."

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#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

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Section 4043 of the Code states:

"(a) 'Wholesaler' means and includes a person who acts as a wholesale merchant, broker,
jobber, customs broker, reverse distributor, agent, or a nonresident wholesaler, who sells for
resale, or negotiates for distribution, or takes possession of, any drug or device included in 4022.
Unless otherwise authorized by law a wholesaler may not store, warehouse or authorize the
storage or warehousing of drugs with any person or at any location not licensed by the board."
Section 4059 of the Code states:

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"(b) This section does not apply to the furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous
device by a manufacturer, wholesaler, or pharmacy to each other or to a physician, dentist,
podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7., or to a
laboratory under sales and purchase records that correctly give the date, the names and addresses

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1	of the supplier and the buyer, the drug or device, and its quantity. This section does not apply to
2	the furnishing of any dangerous device by a manufacturer, wholesaler, or pharmacy to a physical
3	therapist acting within the scope of his or her license under sales and purchase records that
4	correctly provide the date the device is provided, the names and addresses of the supplier and the
5	buyer, a description of the device, and the quantity supplied."
6	10. Code section 4126.5, subdivision (a), provides:
7	"(a) A pharmacy may furnish dangerous drugs only to the following:
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9	(4) Another pharmacy or wholesaler to alleviate a temporary shortage of a dangerous drug
10	that could result in the denial of health care. A pharmacy furnishing dangerous drugs pursuant to
11	this paragraph may only furnish a quantity sufficient to alleviate the temporary shortage.
12	"(5) A patient or to another pharmacy pursuant to a prescription or as otherwise authorized
13	by law.
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15	"(7) To another pharmacy under common control."
16	11. Section 4160 of the Code states:
17	"(a) A person may not act as a wholesaler of any dangerous drug or dangerous device
18	unless he or she has obtained a license from the board."
19	12. Section 4301 of the Code states:
20	"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional
21	conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.
22	Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:
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24	"(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state or of the United States regulating
25	controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
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27	"(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the
28	violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable
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federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board."

3 13. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the 4 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of 5 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and 6 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being 7 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be 8 included in a stipulated settlement.

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#### **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS**

14. Section 4021 of the Code states:

11 "Controlled substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section
12 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code."

15. Section 4022 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

14 "Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for self-use,
15 except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following:

16 "(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without
17 prescription,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import.

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"(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."

16. Fentanyl is a Schedule II controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code
section 11055(c)(8) and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
4022,

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Selling Dangerous Drugs without a Wholesaler License)

26 17. Respondent Mason is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301,
27 subdivisions (j) and (o), and violating section 4160, subdivision (a) for selling dangerous drugs

28 without a wholesaler license. The circumstances are as follows:

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18. On or between August 12, 2009 and June 14, 2010, Respondent Mason sold
 approximately \$107,641.41 worth of dangerous drugs to Moazzem H. Chowdhury dba Desert
 Drugs (Desert Drugs) without a wholesaler license.

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1	8/12/09	PO# A/P-8/12	**************************************
2	8/12/09	PO# A/P to D/D-8/12	\$3,425.34
3	8/12/09	PO# A/P-8/18	<u>\$3,423.34</u> \$203.02
4	8/25/09	PO# 139873415	\$400.48
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6		PO# A/P-moaz	\$230.07
7	10/23/09	PO# jnyjyny	\$4,042.42
8	10/23/09	PO# A/P to D/D-10/23	\$504,67
<u>8</u> 9	10/28/09	PO# MAZZZZZZ	\$177.62
	10/29/09	PO# A/P-MOZ	\$756.34
10	10/30/09	PO# A/P-moaz	\$317.06
11	11/6/09	PO# MAZ	Unknown
12	11/9/09	PO# Desert Drugs	Unknown
13	11/12/09	PO# A/P-moaz	\$3,034.52
14	11/13/09	PO# Mozzzzz	\$1,401.89
15	11/16/09	PO# D/D-moaz	\$500.74
16	11/18/09	PO# A/P tp D/D-moaz	\$1,629.99
17	11/25/09	PO# Mozzzzz	Unknown
18	11/25/09	PO# Mozzzzz	Unknown
	12/16/09	PO# Desert Drugs	\$5,011.74
20	12/17/09	PO# ANNNNNNN	\$1,767.82
21	12/21/09	PO# ANNNNNNN	Unknown
22	12/22/09	PO# Acton to D/D-moz	\$31.50
23	12/24/09	PO# Acton-moz	\$589.63
24	1/4/10	PO# A/P-moaz	\$224,04
25	1/4/10	PO# A/P-moaz	\$165.52
26	1/7/10	PO# Acton-moz	\$16.14
27	1/14/10	PO# A/P⊷moaz	\$923.38
28	1/15/10	PO# A/P-moaz	\$508.84
29	1/19/10	PO# A/P-moaz	\$89,62
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31	1/22/10	PO# MZZZZ	\$373.44
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15	56	5/17/10	PO# Desert05/17/2010	\$556.61	
16	57	5/21/10	PO# Desert05/21/10	\$1,293.22	
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17	59	5/25/10	PO# Desert05/25/2010	\$3,707.91	
18	60	5/25/10	PO# 05/25/10-Desert	\$4,078.73	
	61	5/28/10	PO# 05/28/2010Desert	\$944.93	
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20. On or between August 12, 2009 and June 14, 2010, Respondent Mason furnished approximately \$107,641.41 worth of dangerous drugs to Desert Pharmacy without proper sales records that correctly documented the date and the names and addresses of the supplier and buyer.

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4	8/25/09	PO# 139873415	\$400.48
5	10/8/09	PO# A/P-moaz	\$230.07
6	10/23/09	PO# jnyjyny	\$4,042.42
7	10/23/09	PO# A/P to D/D-10/23	\$504.67
8	10/28/09	PO# MAZZZZZZ	\$177.62
9	10/29/09	PO# A/P-MOZ	\$756,34
10	10/30/09	PO# A/P-moaz	\$317.06
11	11/6/09	PO# MAZ	Unknown
12	11/9/09	PO# Desert Drugs	Unknown
13	11/12/09	PO# A/P-moaz	\$3,034,52
14	11/13/09	PO# Mozzzzz	\$1,401.89
15	11/16/09	PO# D/D-moaz	\$500,74
16	11/18/09	PO# A/P tp D/D-moaz	\$1,629.99
17	11/25/09	PO# Mozzzzz	Unknown
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21	12/21/09	PO# ANNNNNN	Unknown
22	12/22/09	PO# Acton to D/D-moz	\$31.50
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#### **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS**

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21. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Mason, 2 Complainant alleges that on or about November 28, 2011, in a prior disciplinary action entitled In 3 the Matter of the Accusation Against Hannah Mason and PalmerRx, Inc. dba Acton Pharmacy 4 before the Board of Pharmacy in Accusation Case Number 4207, Respondent Mason admitted the 5 truth of the allegations pled against them in the Accusation and agreed that their pharmacy permit 6 and pharmacist license were subject to discipline and bound by the Board's revoking 7 Respondents' permit and pharmacy license. However the revocation is stayed for four years, 8 ordered Respondent Mason to pay \$50,000.00 in civil penalties and additional terms of probation. 9 To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Mason, 22. 10 Complainant alleges that on or about January 16, 2008, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy 11 issued Citation Number CI 2006 34043 and CI 2007 35033 and ordered Respondent Mason to pay 12 a civil penalty of \$4,500.00 and immediately take such measures as are necessary to practice at an 13 acceptable standard of care. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully 14 set forth. 15 PRAYER 16 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, 17 and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision: 18 Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 46923, issued to Hannah 1. 19 Mason; 20 Ordering Hannah Mason to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the 2. 21 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 22 125.3; and 23 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.  $\mathbf{24}$ 111 25 111 26111 2728 111 9 Accusation

DATED: 2/17/14 VIRGIMIA HEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant LA2013510602 51421042.doc Accusation

## Exhibit A

## Decision No. 4207

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

Case No, 4207

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In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

HANNA MASON 3701 West Pondera Street Lancastor, CA 93535

Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 46923

AND

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PALMERRX, INC. DBA ACTON PHARMACY; HANNAH MASON 3630 Smith Avenue Acton, CA 93510 Original Permit No. PHY 48219

Respondent,

#### DECISION AND ORDER

By

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 April 23, 2012.

It is so ORDERED on March 23, 2012.

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

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	9	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
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	11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against; Case No. 4207	
Ì	12	HANNAH MASON STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND	
	13	3701 West Pondera Street Lancaster, CA 93535	
	{	Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 46923	
	. 14	Respondent.	
	15	AND	
	. 16	PALMERRX, INC. DBA ACTON	
	17	PHARMACY; HANNAH MASON 3630 Smith Avenue	
	18	Acton, CA 93510 Original Permit No. PHY 48219	
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	22	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public	
	23	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Pharmaoy, Department of Consumer Affairs, the	
l	24	parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order which will be	
	25	submitted to the Board of Pharmacy for approval and adoption as the final disposition of	
	25	Accusation No. 4207 filed against Respondents PalmerRx, Inc. dba Acton Pharmacy and Hannah	
	20	Mason,	
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#### PARTIES

Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael Brown, Deputy Attorney General,

Respondent PalmerRx, Inc. dba Acton Pharmacy and Hannah Mason (Respondents)  $2^{\circ}$ are representing themselves in this proceeding and have chosen not to exercise its right to be represented by counsel.

On or about October 30, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Permit No. PHY 48219 to PairnerRx, Inc. dba Acton Pharmacy; Hannah Mason (Respondent PalmerRx). The Original Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4207 and expired on October 1, 2011, and has not been renewed, ....

On or about March 16, 1994, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 46923 to Hannah Mason (Respondent Mason). The Original Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4207 and expired on July 11, 2011, and has not been renewed.

The Board records indicate Respondent Mason is and has been the Pharmacist-In-17 5. Charge for Respondent PalmerRx since October 30, 2006. 18

#### JURISDICTION

Accusation No. 4207 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of 20 6. Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondents. The Accusation and all other 21 statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on November 30, 2011. 22 Respondents timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. 23

A copy of Accusation No, 4207 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference,

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### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

7. Respondents have carefully read, and understand the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4207. Respondents have also carefully read, 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.

12 9. Respondent PalmerRx and Respondent Mason voluntarily, knowingly, and
13 intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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#### CULPABILITY

15 10. Respondent FalmerRx and Respondent Mason admits the truth of each and every
charge and allegation in Accusation No. 4207. Respondents agrees that their licenses are subject
to discipline and agree to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the
Disciplinary Order below.

#### CONTINGENCY

This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondents 20 11, understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may 21communicate directly with the Board of Pharmacy regarding this stipulation and settlement, 22without notice to Respondents or participation by Respondents or their counsel. By signing the 23 stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw the agreement or seek 24 to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board of Pharmacy considers and acts upon it. If 25 26 the Board of Pharmacy 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 27

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (4207)

be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board of Pharmacy shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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 Disciplinary Order:

#### <u>ORDÈR</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Citation Nos. CI 2008 39142 and CI 2009 42198 issued on or about January 5, 2010 to Respondent PalmerRx and Respondent Mason, respectively, as well as the abatements and fines ordered by those Citations, are withdrawn and/or dismissed.

19 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent PalmerRx is jointly and responsible for the 20 truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 4207. Respondent PalmerRx is 21 jointly, responsible and liable for the civil penalties to the Board of Pharmacy in the amount of 22 \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars).

#### DISCIPLINARY ORDER

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (4207)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy License No. PHY 48219, issued to PalmerRx, Inc. dba Acton Pharmacy is revoked, and Pharmacist License No. RPH 46923, issued to Hanna Mason, is also revoked. However, each revocation is stayed and each Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and conditions.

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#### TERMS APPLICABLE TO RESPONDENT HANNAH MASON

#### 1. Payment of Civil Penalties

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Respondent Mason shall pay civil penalties to the Board of Pharmacy in the amount and on such terms as specified below. Respondent Mason understands and agrees that such civil penalties are administrative fines pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(7), and as such are not dischargeable in bankruptcy. Respondent Mason further understand and agree that the filing of bankruptcy by Respondent Mason shall not relieve Respondent Mason of the obligation to pay .. the balance of the civil penalties to the Board. Respondent Mason shall be liable for payment to the Board of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) in civil penalties. Respondent Mason shall pay \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) on or before the effective date of this decision, and shall thereafter make twelve (12) quarterly payments of \$3,750.00 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) every ninety (90) days until the entire balance is paid in full. Respondent Mason may pay the full remaining balance due at any time, and may make extra payments. Aside from such expedited payment, there shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the Board of Pirarmacy or its designee. Failure to pay the civil penalties by the deadlines as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

Further, absent prior written approval by the Board or its designee, Respondent Mason may successfully complete probation until this amount is paid in full. Bach Respondent is responsible for payment of the full amount and neither may claim to owe only a portion or a share.

2. Community Services Program - Testimonial

Respondent Mason has authored a letter describing her incentives to participate and her 21level of participation in filling and/or dispensing internet prescriptions, and detailing the 22consequences of this participation for her, her family, the public health, and the profession, what 23 she has learned from this experience, and what she would advise others who are approached to fill 24 or dispense internet prescriptions. The letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", is incorporated 25 herein by reference, and is part of Respondent Mason's public record of discipline with the Board 26 of Pharmacy. The Board of Pharmacy may print, reprint, quote, or make other use of this letter in 27 its communications and/or on its website. 28

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (4207)

Further, upon provision of reasonable notice, Respondent Mason shall appear for and take part in a video recording of Respondent Mason reading the letter, at a time and place arranged by the Board or its designee. The video recording shall be similarly subject to use by the Board of Pharmacy in its communications and/or on its website. Failure by Respondent Mason, upon reasonable notice, to timely appear for and participate in such videotaping shall be considered a violation of probation.

3. Obey All Laws

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Respondent Mason shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations. Respondent

Mason 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 contendre in any state or federal oriminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment

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discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency which involves either of Respondents' licenses or which is related to the practice of pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

4. Report to the Board

Respondent Mason shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the 20 Board of Pharmacy or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as 21 22directed. Among other requirements, Respondent Mason shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation, 23 Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. 24 Any period of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period 25 of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, the probation shall 26be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board of 2728 Pharmacy.

#### 5. Interview with the Board

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Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent Mason shall appear in person for interviews with the Board of Pharmacy or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the Board of Pharmacy or its designee. The owner or officer of Respondent Pharmacy shall make the appearance on behalf of Respondent PaimerRx. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to the Board of Pharmacy staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

6. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent Mason shall cooperate with the Board of Pharmacy's inspection program and with the Board of Pharmacy's monitoring and investigation of Respondents' compliance with the terms and conditions of their probation(s). Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

7. Reimbursement of Board Costs

Reimbursement of costs per Business and Professions Code section 125.3 is waived.

8. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent Mason shall pay all costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the Board of Pharmacy each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board of Pharmacy on a schedule as directed by the Board of Pharmacy or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

9. Status of License

Respondent Mason at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the Board of Phatmacy, 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 Mason's license expirés 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 that Respondent Mason's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

10. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent Mason cease to practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, that Respondent Mason may tender its license to the Board of Pharmacy for surrender. The Board of Pharmacy or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other appropriate and reasonable action. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent Mason 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 Mason's license history with the Board of Pharmacy.

Within ten (10) days of notification by the Board of Pharmacy that the surrender is accepted, Respondent Mason shall relinquish its pocket and wall licenses to the Board of Pharmacy. Upon surrender, Respondent Mason may not reapply for any license from the Board of Pharmacy for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent Mason shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date of submitted to the Board of Pharmacy, including any outstanding costs.

#### 11. Violation of Probation

If Respondent Mason has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the Board of Pharmacy shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent Mason, and probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the Board of Pharmacy 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 that was stayed.

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

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23 24 Upon written notice by the Board of Pharmacy or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, the successfully-completing Respondent Mason's license will be fully restored.

13. Continuing Education

Respondent Mason shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a Pharmacist as directed by the Board of Pharmacy or its designee.

14. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent Mason shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in Accusation No. 4207 and the terms, conditions, and restrictions. imposed on Respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days ef-Respondent Mason undertaking any new employment, Respondent <u>Mason shall cause her direct</u> supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during Respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the Board of Pharmacy in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in Accusation No. 4207 and all the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent Mason's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor submit the timely acknowledgments to the Board of Pharmaoy. If Respondent Mason works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent Mason must notify her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the Board of Pharmacy of the terms and conditions of the decision in Accusation No. 4207 in advance of Respondent Mason commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the Board of Pharmacy upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent Mason undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent Mason shall cause her direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the Board of Pharmacy in writing acknowledging he/she has read

the decision in Accusation No. 4207 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent Mason's responsibility to ensure her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s), "Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any fulltime, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmaoy management service as a pharmaoist 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.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause those employer(s) to. submit timely acknowledgments to the Board of Pharmacy shall be considered a violation of probation,

Notification of a Change in Employment, Name, Address, or Phone 15. Respondent Mason 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 - com employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule, Respondent Mason 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 Pharmacy of any change in employer, name, address 16 or phone number shall be considered a violation of probation,

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..19 Except during periods of suspension, Respondent Mason shall at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of forty (40) hours per 20 21 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 22 which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, Respondent 23 Mason must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation, 24

Should Respondent Mason, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) 25 cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of forty (40) hours per calendar month in 26 27 California, Respondent Mason must notify the Board of Pharmacy in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and must further notify the Board of Pharmacy in writing within ten 28

(10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be 1 considered a violation of probation. 2 3 It is a violation of probation for Respondent Mason's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive 4 months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months, 5 6 "Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least forty (40) hours, as defined by Business and 7 Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent 8 practices as a pharmacist for at least forty (40) hours as a pharmacist as defined by 9 Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. 10 No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Serving as 17. Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant 11. During the period of probation; Respondent Mason shall not supervise any intern ..... 12 pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity 13 licensed by the board nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. 14 Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation 15 of probation, 16 17 18. Pharmacist Recovery Program (PRP) Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent Mason shall 18 19 contact the Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP) for evaluation, and shall immediately thereafter enroll, successfully participate in, and complete the treatment contract and any subsequent 20 addendums as recommended and provided by the PRP and as approved by the board or its 2122 designee. The costs for PRP participation shall be borne by the Respondent Mason. If Respondent Mason is currently emolled in the PRP, said participation is now mandatory 23 and as of the effective date of this decision is no longer considered a self-referral under Business 24 and Professions Code section 4362(c)(2). Respondent Mason shall successfully participate in and 25 complete her current contract and any subsequent addendums with the PRP, 26 Failure to timely contact or enroll in the PRP, or successfully participate in and complete 27 28 the treatment contract and/or any addendums, shall be considered a violation of probation.

Probation shall be automatically extended until Respondent Mason successfully completes the PRP. Any person terminated from the PRP program shall be automatically suspended by the board. Respondent Mason may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the board in writing,

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27 28 Any confirmed positive test for alcohol or for any drug not lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment shall result in the automatic suspension of practice by Respondent Mason and shall be considered a violation of probation, Respondent Mason may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the board in writing.

During suspension, Respondent Mason shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other ...... distributor of drugs which is licensed by the board; or any manufacturer, or where dangerous .... drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent Mason shall not practice ... pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall Respondent Mason manage;

administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the board, or have access to or control the
ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and controlled substances. Respondent
Mason shall not resume practice until notified by the board.

During suspension, Respondent Mason shall not engage in any activity that requires the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent Mason shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent Mason shall not perform the duties of a pharmacy technician or a designated representative for any entity licensed by the board.

Subject to the above restrictions, Respondent Mason may continue to own or hold an
interest in any licensed premises in which she holds an interest at the time this decision becomes
effective unless otherwise specified in this order,

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation. Respondent Mason shall pay administrative fees as invoiced by the PRP or its designee. Fees not

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timely paid to the PRP shall constitute a violation for probation. The board will collect unpaid administrative fees as part of the annual probation monitoring costs if not submitted to the PRP.

19. No Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent Mason shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board. Respondent Mason shall sell or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the board within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

20. Ethics Course

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Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent Mason shall enroll in a course in ethics, at Respondent Mason's expense, approved in advance by the board or its designee. Failure to initiate the course during the first year of probation, and complete it within the second year of probation, is a violation of probation.

17 Respondent Mason shall submit a certificate of completion to the board or its designee
18 within five days after completing the course.

21, Discontinuance of Business

Respondent owner shall, within seven (7) days of the effective date of this decision,
arrange for the destruction of, the transfer to, sale of or storage in a facility licensed by the board
of all controlled substances and dangerous drugs and devices. Respondent owner shall provide
written proof of such disposition, submit a completed Discontinuance of Business form for
PalmerRx, Inc. dba Acton Pharmaoy and return the wall and renewal license to the board within
five days of disposition.

22. . Testify

. If requested to do so, Respondent Mason shall honestly testify to the facts and circumstances against Desert Drugs, Valley Pharmacy, The Medicine Shoppe #821, Moazzem

Chowdhury, Taohee Hasan, Stephen Cherman and Willon Henderson. Should Respondent Mason refuse or fail to testify if requested to do so, should she testify dishonestly, then Respondent Mason shall be considered to be in violation of her probation.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Fharmacy License and 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.

DATED: MERRX, INC. DBA ACTON PHARMACY; PA. HANNAH MASON Respondent 201 2 くちつ 500 DATED:

Respondent

#### ENDORSEMENT

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The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs,

Respectfully submitted,

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#### STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (4207)

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#### <u>ENDORSEMENT</u>

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#### 14 STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (4207) .

Exhibit A

# Accusation No. 4207

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	11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4207
	12	HANNAH MASON	
	13	3701 West Pondera Street Lancaster, CA 93535	ACCUSATION
	14	Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 46923	
	15	Respondent.	
	·	AND	
	. 16	PALMERRX, INC. DBA ACTON	
	17	PHARMACY; HANNAH MASON	
	18	3630 Smith Avenue Acton, CA 93510	
	19	Original Permit No, PHY 48219	
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	21	Complainant alleges:	
	22	PAR	TIES
	23	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) bring	as this Accusation solely in her official capacity
•	24	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharma	cy, Department of Consumer Affairs,
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3. On or about March 16, 1994, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmaoist License Number RPH 46923 to Hannah Mason (Respondent Mason). The Original Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on July 31, 2011, and has not been renewed.

4. The Board records indicate Respondent Mason was the Pharmacist-in-Charge for Respondent PalmerRx since October 30, 2006.

#### JURISDICTION

5. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

6. Section 4005 of the Code provides that the Board may adopt rules and regulations, as may be necessary for the protection of the public. Included therein shall be the right to adopt rules and regulations as follows: for the proper and more effective enforcement and administration of this chapter; pertaining to the practice of pharmacy; and pertaining to establishments wherein any drug or device is compounded, prepared, furnished, or dispensed.
7. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.) and the Uniform Controlled Substances. Act (Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.).

8. Section 4113(c) of the Code states:

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20 "The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state 21 and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."

9. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be
suspended or revoked.

10. Section 4402(a) of the Code provides that any pharmacist license that is not renewed
within three years following its expiration may not be renewed, restored, or reinstated and shall
be canceled by operation of law at the end of the three-year period.

27 11. Section 4402(e) of the Code provides that any other license issued by the Board may
28 be canceled by the Board if not renewed within 60 days after its expiration, and any license

canceled in this fashion may not be reissued but will instead require a new application to seek reissuance.

12. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the
suspension/expiration/surronder/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the
Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period
within which the license may be renewed; restored, reissued or reinstated.

#### STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

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13. Section 4301 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

"(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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"(0) 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."

14. Section 4067(a) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that 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 of the Code, 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 or entity either knew or reasonably should have known that the prescription was not issued pursuant to a good faith prior examination of a human of a human or animal, or if the person or entity did not act in accordance with Section 1761 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. A "good faith prior examination" includes the requirements for a physician and surgeon in Section 2242 of the Code and the requirements for a veterinarian in Section 2032, 1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

15. Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, section 1711 states, in pertinent part:
"(c)(1) Each quality assurance program shall be managed in accordance with written policies and procedures maintained in the pharmacy in an immediately retrievable form.

16. California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1714, states in pertinent part:

(d) Bach pharmacy licensed by the board shall maintain its facilities, space, fixtures, and equipment so that drugs are safely and properly prepared, maintained, secured and distributed. The pharmacy shall be of sufficient size and unobstructed area to accommodate the safe practice of pharmacy.

(e) The pharmacy owner, the building owner or manager, or a family member of a pharmacist owner (but not more than one of the aforementioned) may possess a key to the pharmacy that is maintained in a tamper evident container for the purpose of 1) delivering the key to a pharmacist or 2) providing access in case of emergency. An emergency would include fire, flood or earthquake. The signature of the pharmacist-in-charge shall be present in such a way that the pharmacist may readily determine whether the key has been removed from the container.

17. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761, states:

"(a) No pharmacist shall compound or dispense any prescription which contains any
 significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration. Upon receipt of any
 such prescription, the pharmacist shall contact the prescriber to obtain the information needed to
 validate the prescription.

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

18. Section 4067(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a violation of Code
section 4067 subjects a person or entity 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 twentyfive thousand dollars (\$25,000) per occurrence,

· 19. Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 1304.11 requires that a pharmacy 1 keep a complete and accurate inventory record of all controlled substances on hand. 2 Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the 20.3 Board/Registrar/Director may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to 4 have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the 5 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, 6 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUG 7 'Section 4021 of the Code provides that a "controlled substance" means any substance 21. 8 listed in Schedules I through V contained in Health and Safety Code section 11053 et seq. 9 10 Section 4022 of the Code states; 22. "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 11 12 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 13 14 use of the device. (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed 15 only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006. 16 23. Hydrocodone/APAP is the generic name for Vicodin, a combination narcotics used to relieve moderate to severe pain, and is a Schedule III controlled substance as listed in Health 17 and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4). 18 19 24. Ibuprofen was and is the generic name for the trade name drug Motrin 600, which is designated as a dangerous drug by Business and Professions Code section 4022. Ibuprofen is a 20 non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drug and is used for the treatment of fever, pain, inflammation, 21 and stiffness. .22 Codeine/APAP is a brand name for Codeine with acetaminophen and a Schedule III 23 25.controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11056(e) and a dangerous drug 24 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. 25 Alprazolam, also known under the brand name Xanax, is a Schedule IV controlled 26, 26  $\dot{27}$ substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(1), and is a drug of the benzodiazepine class used to treat anxiety and panic attacks. 28 Accusation

27. Diazepam, also known as Valium, is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(9) and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Valium is indicated for the management of anxiety disorders or for the short-term relief of the symptoms of anxiety.

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28. Floricet is a brand name and made from the combination of Butalbital a barbiturate, Acetaminophen, and Caffeine. It is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions
Code section 4022 and is used to treat tension headaches that are caused by muscle contractions, 29. Soma is a brand name for Carlsoprodol, a centrally-acting skeletal muscle relaxant and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

### CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINE, AS TO BOTH RESPONDENTS

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Improper Dispensing or Furnishing Dangerous Drugs on the Internet)

30. Respondents are subject to discipline under Code section 4067(a), in that between on 13 or about July 30, 2007 and December 11, 2007, Respondents dispensed, furnished, or caused to 14 be dispensed or furnished, dangerous drugs, as defined in Code section 4022, on the Internet for 15 delivery to persons in the state of California without a prescription issued pursuant to a good faith 16 prior examination, and the Respondents knew or reasonably should have known that the 17 prescription was not issued pursuant to a good faith prior examination, or the Respondents did 18 not act in accordance with Section 1761 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations: 19 Dispensing or furnishing two hundred fifty-six (256) prescriptions for dangerous 20Я. drugs, including Hydrocodone/APAP, Ibuprofen, APAP/Codeine, Alprazolam; Diazepam, 21 Fioricet and Soma. 22

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dispensing of Erroneous or Uncertain Prescriptions(s))

31. Respondents are each and severally subject to discipline under section(s) 4301(j), (o),
and/or 4113(o) of the Code, and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761, in that
between on or about July 30, 2007 and December 11, 2007, Respondents dispensed, attempted to
dispense, assisted or abetted the dispensing of, and/or conspired to dispense, prescription(s)

containing one or more significant errors, omissions, irregularities, uncertainties, ambiguities or alterations, without contacting the prescriber to validate the prescription, and/or having objective reason(s) to know that the prescription(s) was/were not issued for a legitimate medical purpose.

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#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unauthorized Access to Pharmacy)

32. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 4300 and 4301(j) and (o) for violation of Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714 in that Respondents allowed access to Acton Pharmacy and its supply of dangerous drugs to an unauthorized individual.

#### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(No Quality Assurance Program)

33. Respondents failed to develop a Quality Assurance Program, the pharmaoist, clerk, and technician could not find a Quality Assurance policy and procedure at Acton Pharmacy in violation of Code sections 4301(j), (o) and California Code of Regulations section 1711. No Quality Assurance Program was discovered during the audit and inspection of Acton Pharmacy on May 20, 2009.

### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (No DEA Inventory)

34. Respondents failed to undertake a DEA inventory of controlled substances and dangerous drugs at least bi-annually while Pharmacist-In-Charge of Acton Pharmacy in violation of Code sections 4301 sections (j), (o), and Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations 1304.11(c). During the inspection of the Acton Pharmacy on May 20, 2009, by the Board investigator, the latest DEA inventory found was completed on January 2007.

#### DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATION

35. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondents, Complainant alleges that on or about January 16, 2008, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy issued Citation Number CI 2006 34043 and CI 2007 35033 and ordered Respondents to pay a civil penalty of \$4,500.00 and immediately take such measures as are necessary to practice at an acceptable standard of care. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully

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	3	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
	'4	and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:
	5	1. Revoking or suspending Original Permit Number PHY 48219, issued to PalmerRx,
. ,	6	Inc. dba Acton Pharmacy; Hannah Mason (Respondent PalmerRx);
	7.	2. Revoking of suspending Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 46923 issued to
	8	Hannah Mason (Respondent Mason);
	9	3. Ordering Respondent PalmerRx and Respondent Mason to jointly and severally pay
	10.	the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,
	11	pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and
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# Exhibit B

Accusation No. 3919

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		11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3919	
		12	HANNAH MASON 3701 WEST PONDERA STREET	
		13	LANCASTER, CA 93535 A C C U S A T I O N	
		14 -	Pharmacist License No. RPH 46923	
		.15	Respondent.	
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-		17	Complainant alleges:	
		- 18	PARTIES	
-		19	1. Virginia: Hureicle (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
		20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
		21	2. On or about March 16, 1994, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License	
		22	Number RPH 46923 to Hannah Mason (Respondent Mason). The Pharmacist License was in full	ļ
		23	force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31,	
		24	2015, unless renewed.	•.
		25	JURISDICTION	
		26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of	
		27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the	
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Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the 4. suspension/expiration/surrender/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

5. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both 5 the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.]. 7

Section 4300(a) of the Code states that every license issued by the Board may be 6. 8 suspended or revoked. 9

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Section 4300.1 of the Code states: 7,

"The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by 11 operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license 12 on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board 13 of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary 14 proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license." 15

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Section 4043 of the Code states: 8,

18 "(a) 'Wholesaler' means and includes a person who acts as a wholesale merchant, broker, jobber, customs broker, reverse distributor, agent, or a nonresident wholesaler, who sells for 19 20resale, or negotiates for distribution, or takes possession of, any drug or device included in 4022. Unless otherwise authorized by law a wholesaler may not store, warehouse or authorize the 21 storage or warehousing of drugs with any person or at any location not licensed by the board."  $2\dot{2}$ 23

9. Section 4059 of the Code states:

(b) This section does not apply to the furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous 25 device by a manufacturer, wholesaler, or pharmacy to each other or to a physician, dentist, 26 podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic dootor pursuant to Section 3640.7., or to a 27 laboratory under sales and purchase records that correctly give the date, the names and addresses 28

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of the supplier and the buyer, the drug or device, and its quantity. This section does not apply to the furnishing of any dangerous device by a manufacturer, wholesaler, or pharmacy to a physical therapist acting within the scope of his or her license under sales and purchase records that correctly provide the date the device is provided, the names and addresses of the supplier and the buyer, a description of the device, and the quantity supplied."

10. Code section 4126,5, subdivision (a), provides:

"(a) A pharmacy may furnish dangerous drugs only to the following:

"(4) Another pharmacy or wholesaler to alleviate a temporary shortage of a dangerous drug that could result in the denial of health care. A pharmacy furnishing dangerous drugs pursuant to

11 this paragraph may only furnish a quantity sufficient to alleviate the temporary shortage.

"(5) A patient or to another pharmacy pursuant to a prescription or as otherwise authorized
by law.

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"(7) To another pharmacy under common control."

11. Section 4160 of the Code states:

17 "(a) A person may not act as a wholesaler of any dangerous drug or dangerous device
18 unless he or she has obtained a license from the board."

12. Section 4301 of the Codesstates:

20 "The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional
21 conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake,
22 Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state or of the United States regulating

25 || controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

"(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

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federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board."

Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the 13. 3 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a viglation or violations of 4 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and 5 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being 6 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement. 8

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## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS

14. Section 4021 of the Code states:

"Controlled substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code." 12

15. Section 4022 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for self-use, 14 except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following: 15

"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without 16 prescription,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import. 17

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"(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on 49 prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006." 20

16. Fentanyl is a Schedule II controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code 21 section 11055(c)(8) and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 22 23 4022.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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# (Selling Dangerous Drugs without a Wholesaler License)

17. Respondent Mason is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301,

subdivisions (j) and (o), and violating section 4160, subdivision (a) for selling dangerous drugs 27 without a wholesaler license. The circumstances are as follows: 28

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18. On or between August 12, 2009 and June 14, 2010, Respondent Mason sold approximately \$107,641.41 worth of dangerous drugs to Moazzem H. Chowdhury dba Desert Drugs (Desert Drugs) without a wholesaler license.

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9	6	10/23/09	PO# jnyjyny	\$4,042.42
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20	22	12/22/09	PO# Acton to D/D-moz	\$31.50
	23	12/24/09	PO# Acton-moz	\$589.63
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22	25	1/4/10	PO# A/P-moaz	\$165.52
{	26	1/7/10	PO# Acton-moz	\$16,14
23	27	1/14/10	PO# A/P-moaz	\$923.38
24	28	1/15/10	PO# A/P-moaz	\$508.84
	29	1/19/10	PO# A/P-moaz	\$89,62
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23			SECOND CAU	SE FOR DISCIPLI	NE	
24		(Unpro	ofessional Conduct - Furnish	ing Dangerous Drug	s with a Prescription)	
25	19. Respondent Mason is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivisions					
26	(j) and (o) for violating section 4059, subdivision (b) in that Respondents furnished prescription					
27	me	dications with	out prescription. The circum	astances are as follow	w:	
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20. On or between August 12, 2009 and June 14, 2010, Respondent Mason furnished approximately \$107,641.41 worth of dangerous drugs to Desert Pharmacy without proper sales records that correctly documented the date and the names and addresses of the supplier and buyer.

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## DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

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2	21. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Mason,				
3	Complainant alleges that on or about November 28, 2011, in a prior disciplinary action entitled In				
4	the Matter of the Accusation Against Hannah Mason and PalmerRx, Inc. dba Acton Pharmacy				
5	before the Board of Pharmacy in Accusation Case Number 4207, Respondent Mason admitted the				
6	truth of the allegations pled against them in the Acousation and agreed that their pharmacy permit				
7	and pharmacist license were subject to discipline and bound by the Board's revoking				
8	Respondents' permit and pharmacy license. However the revocation is stayed for four years,				
9	ordered Respondent Mason to pay \$50,000.00 in civil penalties and additional terms of probation.				
10	22. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Mason,				
11	Complainant alleges that on or about January 16, 2008, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy				
12	issued Citation Number CI 2006 34043 and CI 2007 35033 and ordered Respondent Mason to pay				
13	a civil penalty of \$4,500.00 and immediately take such measures as are necessary to practice at an				
14	acceptable standard of care. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully				
15	set forth.				
16	PRAYER				
17	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,				
18	and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:				
19	1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 46923, issued to Harmatr				
20	Mason,				
21	2. Ordering Hannah Mason to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the				
22	investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section				
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24	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.				
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