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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3971

DEBORAH SEVILLA 3895 Old Hwy 53 #2 Clearlake, CA 95422

Pharmacist License No. RPH 58263

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Revocation and Disciplinary 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 September 14, 2012.

It is so ORDERED on August 15, 2012.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3971		
12	DEBORAH LYNN SEVILLA 3895 Old Hwy 53 #2 OAH No. 2011100290		
13	Clearlake, CA 95422 STIPULATED REVOCATION OF LICENSE AND ORDER		
14	Pharmacist License No. RPH 58263		
15	Respondent.		
16	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this		
17	proceeding that the following matters are true:		
18	PARTIES		
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 Jonathan D. Cooper, Deputy Attorney		
22	General.		
23	2. Deborah Lynn Sevilla (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney J.		
24	David Markham, whose address is 380 N. Main Street, Suite G, Lakeport, CA, 95453.		
25	3. On or about April 21, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No.		
26	RPH 58263 to Deborah Lynn Sevilla (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force and		
27	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3971 and will expire on		
28	December 31, 2013, unless renewed.		

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 3971 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on August 31, 2011. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. On January 19, 2012, First Amended Accusation No. 2971 was filed before the Board. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 3971 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 First Amended Accusation No. 3971. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Revocation 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 First Amended Accusation No. 3971, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Pharmacist License.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the First Amended Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, 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 revoking her 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, 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 Revocation and 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 Revocation of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Revocation 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 Revocation 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 Pharmacist License No. RPH 58263, issued to Respondent Deborah Lynn Sevilla, is revoked.

1. The revocation of Respondent's Pharmacist License shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall

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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.
- 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 petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 3971 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.
- Resondent shall not apply for reinstatement of her license before three years from the
 effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 6. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$9,327.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.
- 7. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Acousation, No. 3971 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Revocation of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, J. David Markham. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Revocation of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the

Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 5/8/20/2

DEBORAH LYNN SEVILLA

Respondent

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1	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Deborah Lynn Sevilla the terms and		
2	conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Revocation of License and Order. I		
3	approve its form and content.		
4	DATED: 5/8/17		
5	Attorney for Respondent		
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7	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>		
8	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted		
9	for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs,		
10	Dated: 5/8/2 Respectfully submitted,		
11	KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California		
12	FRANK H. PACOE Supervising Deputy Attorney General		
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14	JONATHAN D. COOPER		
15 16	Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant		
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Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 3971

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12	3895 Old Hwy 53 #2 Clearlake, CA 95422	FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION	
13	Pharmacist License No. RPH 58263	TROT AMENDED ACCUSATION	
14	Respondent.		
15	Rospondont.		
16	Complainant alleges:		
17	<u>PARTIES</u>		
18	Virginia Herold (Complainant) bri	ngs this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
19	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
20	2. On or about April 21, 2006, the Bo	pard of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist	
21	License Number RPH 58263 to Deborah Lynn Sevilla (Respondent). The License was in full		
22	force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December		
23	31, 2013, unless renewed.		
24	JURISDICTION		
25	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of		
26	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the		
27	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.		
28	4 Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce bot		

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the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].

5. Section **4300** of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 6. Section **4301** of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of "unprofessional conduct," defined to include, but not be 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 oncself, 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.
- (k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.
- (l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or

dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.

7. Section **4327** of the Code states:

Any person who, while on duty, sells, dispenses or compounds any drug while under the influence of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverages shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

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

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

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9. Section **4021** of the Code states:

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

10. Section 4022 of the Code states:

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

- (a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.
- (b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a ______," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
- (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
 - 11. Section 4060 of the Code states:

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

Nothing in this section authorizes a certified nurse-midwife, a nurse practitioner, a

physician assistant, or a naturopathic doctor, to order his or her own stock of dangerous drugs and devices.

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- 12. California Health and Safety Code section 11170 states:
- No person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself.
- 13. California Health and Safety Code section 11173 states:
- (a) No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.
- (b) No person shall make a false statement in any prescription, order, report, or record, required by this division.
- (c) No person shall, for the purpose of obtaining controlled substances, falsely assume the title of, or represent himself to be, a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist, physician, dentist, veterinarian, registered nurse, physician's assistant, or other authorized person.
- (d) No person shall affix any false or forged label to a package or receptacle containing controlled substances.
- 14. **Ativan** (lorazepam) is a Schedule IV controlled substance, a benzodiazepine, used as an anxiolytic, hypnotic, and anticonvulsant. It is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022.
- 15. Norco (hydrocodone/APAP) is a Schedule III controlled substance, an opioid analgesic combination, used for moderate to severe pain. It is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022.
- 16. **Soma** (carisoprodol) is a muscle relaxant. It is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022.
- 17. **Suboxone** (buprenorphine/naloxone) is a Schedule III controlled substance, used for opioid dependence therapy. It is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022.

COST RECOVERY

18. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a 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.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Criminal Convictions)

- 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subsection (1), in that she has been convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee. The circumstances are as follows:
 - a. On or about May 24, 2010, in Kern County Superior Court Case No. TM077474A,
 Respondent was convicted of having violated California Vehicle Code section 23152(a)
 (driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs).
 - b. On or about March 7, 2011, in Lake County Superior Court Case No. CR 923723,
 Respondent was convicted of having violated California Vehicle Code section 23152(a)
 (driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs).
 - c. On or about March 7, 2011, in Lake County Superior Court Case No. CR925423, Respondent was convicted of having violated California Penal Code section 484 (petty theft).

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Convictions Involving Dangerous Drugs or Alcohol)

- 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subsection (k), in that she has been convicted of crimes involving the use, consumption or self-administration of dangerous drugs and/or alcoholic beverages, as follows:
 - a. On or about May 24, 2010, in Kern County Superior Court Case No. TM077474A,
 Respondent was convicted of having violated California Vehicle Code section
 23152(a)(driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs).
 - b. On or about March 7, 2011, in Lake County Superior Court Case No. CR 923723,
 Respondent was convicted of having violated California Vehicle Code section
 23152(a)(driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs).
 - c. On or about March 7, 2011, in Lake County Superior Court Case No. CR925423,

Respondent was convicted of having violated California Penal Code section 484 (petty theft). The conduct underlying this conviction was Respondent's theft of drugs, for her own consumption, from her employer while Respondent was employed as a pharmacist.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dangerous Use of Drugs and/or Alcohol)

- 21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subsection (h), in that she administered to herself, or used, controlled substances and/or alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, and/or to the extent that the use impaired the her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by her license, as follows:
 - a. On or about April 1, 2010, in Kern County, California, Respondent was observed driving a vehicle erratically. A police officer observed that Respondent was extremely confused, lethargic and drowsy, and displayed objective signs of being under the influence of and impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. Respondent stated to the officer that she was on her way home from work at the K-Mart pharmacy. Based on this conduct, on or about May 24, 2010, in Kern County Superior Court Case No. TM077474A, Respondent was convicted of having violated California Vehicle Code section 23152(a) (driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs).
 - b. On or about September 13, 2010, Respondent was observed driving a vehicle erratically. A police officer observed that Respondent displayed objective signs of being under the influence of and impaired by drugs. Respondent stated to the officer that she was on her way home from her work at a Walmart pharmacy. Police officers found multiple medications in Respondent's vehicle. Based on this conduct, on or about March 7, 2011, in Lake County Superior Court Case No. CR 923723, Respondent was convicted of having violated California Vehicle Code section 23152(a) (driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs).
 - c. On or about September 15, 2010, in Clearlake, California, Respondent informed a

- police officer that she was suffering severe withdrawal effects because she was "detoxing" from narcotics.
- d. On or about November 15, 2010, Respondent stated to an investigator for the Board of Pharmacy that she was addicted to pain medications.
- e. On or about January 10, 2012, Respondent stated to a police officer that she is an "addict." Respondent was pregnant at that time.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts of Dishonesty)

- 22. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(f), in that she committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption, as follows:
 - a. On or about September, 2010, in Clearlake, California, Respondent stole pain medications including, but not limited to, Ativan (lorazepam), Norco (hydrocodone/APAP), Soma (carisoprodol), and Suboxone (buprenorphine/maloxone) from Walmart, where she was employed as a pharmacist. As a result of this conduct, on or about March 7, 2011, in Lake County Superior Court Case No. CR925423, Respondent was convicted of having violated California Penal Code section 484 (petty theft).
 - b. On or about January 9, 2012, Respondent falsely and fraudulently posed as a medical assistant at a physician's office and telephoned in a prescription for Norco and Soma. The prescription was in the name of another individual. On or about January 10, 2012, Respondent and that individual attempted to fill the prescription at a pharmacy in Clearlake, California, with the intent that the individual would provide the unlawfully obtained drugs to Respondent for Respondent's use. Respondent was arrested. Respondent admitted to the arresting officer that she had fraudulently called in the prescription, utilizing her skills as a licensed pharmacist to do so.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Statutes Regulating Controlled Substances)

23. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(j), in that she violated

statutes of this state regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, as follows:

a. On or about January 9, 2012, Respondent falsely and fraudulently posed as a medical assistant at a physician's office and telephoned in a prescription for Norco and Soma. The prescription was in the name of another individual. On or about January 10, 2012, Respondent and that individual attempted to fill the prescription at a pharmacy in Clearlake, California, with the intent that the individual would provide the unlawfully obtained drugs to Respondent for Respondent's use. Respondent was arrested. Respondent admitted to the arresting officer that she had fraudulently called in the prescription, utilizing her skills as a licensed pharmacist to do so. Respondent's conduct as described in this paragraph constituted a violation of California Health and Safety Code sections 11170 and 11173.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Practicing While Under the Influence of Drugs)

- 24. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subsections (j) and (o), and under Code section 4327, in that she violated state laws regarding controlled substances by selling, dispensing or compounding drugs while under the influence of controlled substances. The circumstances are as follows:
 - a. On or about September 13, 2010, in Clearlake, California, Respondent worked as a pharmacist at the Walmart pharmacy while under the influence of controlled substances.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Possession and use of Drugs)

- 25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subsections (h), (j) and (o), in that she violated state statutes regulating possession and use of controlled substances and dangerous drugs and violated state laws governing pharmacy. The circumstances are as follows:
 - a. On or about September, 2010, in Clearlake, California, Respondent stole medications including, but not limited to, Lorazepam, Hydrocodone, Clonazepan, Oxycodone, Methadone, Carisoprodol and Subaxone, from Walmart, where she was employed as a