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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

MARK JASON HARRY
766 Hacienda Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

**Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH
84312**

Respondent.

Case No. 3978

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

[Gov. Code, §11520]

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about May 27, 2011, Complainant Virginia Herold, in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 3978 against Mark Jason Harry (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On or about July 22, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 84312 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2011, unless renewed.

3. On or about June 6, 2011, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 3978, Statement to Respondent, Blank Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code

1 section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board, which was and is: 766
2 Hacienda Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

3 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
4 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section
5 124.

6 5. On or about June 17, 2011, the domestic return receipt reflecting service of the
7 aforementioned documents by Certified Mail was returned by the U.S. Postal Service and was
8 signed by "Mark Harry" on June 15, 2011.

9 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

10 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent
11 files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts
12 of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall
13 constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion
14 may nevertheless grant a hearing.

15 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him
16 of the Accusation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No.
17 3978.

18 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

19 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the
20 hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions
21 or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to
22 respondent.

23 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds
24 Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the
25 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as
26 taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on
27 file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 3978, finds that
28 the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3978, are separately and severally, found to be true
and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

1 section 4301(j) in that on or about June 18, 2010, Respondent violated the California Uniform
2 Controlled Substances Act (Health and Safety Code section 11000, et seq.) by possessing a
3 controlled substance and dangerous drug.

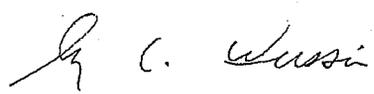
4 **ORDER**

5 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 84312, heretofore
6 issued to Respondent Mark Jason Harry, is revoked.

7 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a
8 written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within
9 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may
10 vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

11 This Decision shall become effective on September 23, 2011.

12 It is so ORDERED August 24, 2011.

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STANLEY C. WEISSER, BOARD PRESIDENT
16 FOR THE BOARD OF PHARMACY
17 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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20 Attachment:
21 Exhibit A: Accusation

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Exhibit A

Accusation

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ACCUSATION

15 **Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH**
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16 Respondent.

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19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
22 as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about July 22, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician
24 Registration Number TCH 84312 to Mark Jason Harry (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician
25 Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and
26 will expire on December 31, 2011, unless renewed.

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1 and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of
2 the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is
substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in
question.

3 As used in this section, "license" includes "certificate," "permit,"
4 "authority," and "registration."

5 9. Section 4059 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a person may not furnish
6 any dangerous drug except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist,
7 veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7. A person may not furnish any
8 dangerous device except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist,
9 veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7.

10 10. Section 4060 of the Code states:

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

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

27 11. Section 4301 of the Code states:

28 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:

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(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.

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(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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(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.

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

12. Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1769, states:

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(b) When considering the suspension or revocation of a facility or a personal license on the ground that the licensee or the registrant has been convicted of a crime, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of such person and his present eligibility for a license will consider the following criteria:

(1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).

(2) Total criminal record.

(3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s).

(4) Whether the licensee has complied with all terms of parole, probation, restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.

(5) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee.

13. Title 16, California Code of Regulations, 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

1 Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the
2 qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree
3 it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the
4 functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the
5 public health, safety, or welfare.

6 **COST RECOVERY**

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

11 **DRUG**

12 15. Hydrocodone/APAP, also known by the brand names, Vicodin, Norco, Vicodin ES
13 and Vicodin HP, is a schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code
14 section 11056(e)(4), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
15 4022. Hydrocodone/APAP is used as a narcotic analgesic in the relief of pain.

16 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

17 **(October 27, 2010 Criminal Conviction for Sale of Controlled Substance and**
18 **Burglary on June 18, 2010)**

19 16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(l) of the Code in that
20 he was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions
21 of a pharmacy technician. The circumstances are as follows:

22 a. On or about October 27, 2010, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of*
23 *the State of California v. Mark Jason Harry*, in Riverside County Superior Court, case number
24 RIF10003613, Respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty for violating Health & Safety Code
25 section 11352(a), the transport, sale and distribution of a controlled substance, a felony and Penal
26 Code section 459, burglary, reduced to a misdemeanor.

27 b. As a result of the conviction, on or about October 27, 2010, Respondent was
28 sentenced to three years formal probation, to pay all applicable fines, fees and restitution and to
serve 180 days in jail.

1 c. The facts that led to the conviction were that Respondent was employed as a
2 pharmacy technician at the Costco Pharmacy in Corona, California. On or about June 18, 2010,
3 the Pharmacist-in-Charge received a report from the warehouse inventory lead that 200 tablets of
4 hydrocodone/APAP were missing. They checked the shelf and discovered two empty pill bottles.
5 The Pharmacist-in-Charge and Costco management then reviewed surveillance footage and
6 observed Respondent, while on duty as a pharmacy technician, reaching into the shelf where the
7 empty pill bottles were located and "doing something funny." They also observed Respondent
8 sitting in a vehicle with another Costco employee in the parking lot and the other employee
9 walking to his car with a bag. After Respondent and the other employee returned to their shifts,
10 Costco management and the Pharmacist-in-Charge checked the inside of Respondent's and the
11 other employee's vehicles and observed an unlabeled prescription bottle with tablets inside the
12 other employee's vehicle.

13 d. Costco management and the Pharmacist-in-Charge contacted the Corona Police
14 Department who commenced an investigation and interviewed Respondent during the course of
15 the investigation. Respondent admitted to one of the officers that he stole 200 tablets of Norco
16 (hydrocodone/APAP) from Costco and that he sold them to the other employee. Respondent
17 further admitted to the officer that he had taken 35-40 tablets of hydrocodone/APAP for his own
18 personal use and that the stolen tablets of hydrocodone/APAP were located in the center console
19 of his vehicle. The officers subsequently searched his vehicle and found 45 hydrocodone tablets.
20 The officers also searched the other employee's vehicle and located 200 tablets of 10mg-325mg
21 Norco. Respondent was arrested and terminated for selling and possessing controlled substances
22 from his place of employment, Costco Pharmacy.

23 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24 **(Unprofessional Conduct-Dishonesty and Deceit)**

25 17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under section
26 4301(f) of the Code in that Respondent's theft from his employer constitutes dishonesty and
27 deceit, as is more fully described in paragraph 16 above.

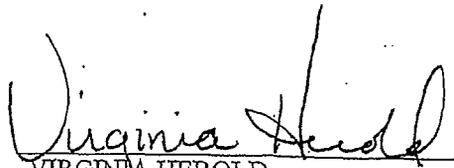
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1 2. Ordering Mark Jason Harry to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the
2 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
3 125.3;

4 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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