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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 4233

NATALIE GOLDSWORTHY

5786 Woodland Court Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 72332

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on October 25, 2013.

It is so ORDERED on September 25, 2013.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4233	
11	NATALIE JEANNE GOLDSWORTHY 5786 Woodland Court		
12	Discovery Bay, CA 94505	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER	
13	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 72332	LICENSE IN ORDER	
14	Respondent.		
15	In the interest of a prompt and speedy resolution of this matter, consistent with the public		
16	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs		
17	the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Surrender of License and Order which will be		
18	submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the Accusation.		
19	<u>PARTIES</u>		
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant), Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, brought this		
21	action solely in her official capacity and is represented herein by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney		
22	General of the State of California, by Joshua A. Room, Supervising Deputy Attorney General.		
23	2. Natalie Jeanne Goldsworthy (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding		
24	and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.		
25	3. On or about October 3, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		
26	License No. TCH 72332 to Natalie Jeanne Goldsworthy (Respondent). The License was in full		
27	force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4233 and will		
28	expire on April 30, 2014, unless renewed.		
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<u>JURISDICTION</u>

4. Accusation No. 4233 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on July 24, 2012. Respondent did not timely file a Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation, and a Default Decision and Order revoking the License was issued on or about Octobe 25, 2012, made effective November 26, 2012. Respondent petitioned the Board to set aside the default, and on or about November 26, 2012 the Board issued an Order Vacating Default Decision, placing the case back at issue. Subsequently, a First Amended Accusation was properly served on Respondent, along with all other statutorily required documents, on March 5, 2013. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 4233 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands, the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 4233. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of, this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in First Amended Accusation No. 4233, agrees that cause exists for discipline, and hereby surrenders her Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 72332 for the Board's formal acceptance.

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

CONTINGENCY

- 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this stipulation, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 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 Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 72332, issued to Respondent Natalie Jeanne Goldsworthy, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician License and the acceptance of the surrendered License by the Board constitutes the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board of Pharmacy.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacy Technician in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. Respondent may not apply, reapply, or petition for any licensure or registration of the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 5. If she ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, including, but not limited to, certification by a nationally recognized body prior to the issuance of a new license. All of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 4233 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.
- 6. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$6,499.50 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 Accusation, No. 4233 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.

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ACCEPTANCE 1 2 I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician License. I enter into this 3 Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to 4 5 be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy. 6 8/13/11 2013 7 8 Respondent 9 **ENDORSEMENT** 10 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted 11 for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. 12 22/2013 Respectfully submitted, 13 Kamala D. Harris 14 Attorney General of California FRANK H. PACOE 15 Supervising Deputy Attorney General 16 17 JOSHUA A. ROOM 18 Supervising Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant 19 20 21 SF2012401179 40705258.doc 22 23 24 25 26 27

Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 4233

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17	Complainant alleges:		
18	<u>PARTIES</u>		
19	Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation (Accusation)		
20	solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of		
21	Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about October 3, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		
23	License No. TCH 72332 to Natalie Jeanne Goldsworthy (Respondent). The License was in full		
24	force and effect at all times relevant herein and will expire on April 30, 2014, unless renewed.		
25	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
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		
28	Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.		
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- 4. 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.].
- 5. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 6. Section 4300.1 of the Code provides that the expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a Board-issued license, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee, shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 7. 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 oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.
- (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating 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 federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.

- 8. Section 4059 of the Code, in pertinent part, prohibits furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous device except upon the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 9. Section 4060 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished upon a valid prescription/drug order.
- 10. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provides that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or herself.
- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), provides that 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.
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11350, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess any controlled substance listed in Schedule II (Health and Safety Code section 11055), subdivision (b) or (c), or any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V, absent a valid prescription.
- 13. Health and Safety Code section 11357, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful for any person to possess marijuana or concentrated cannabis.
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11550, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful for any person to use or be under the influence of any controlled substance in Schedule II (Health and Safety Code section 11055), subdivision (d)(1) or (d)(2), or any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V, except when administered by or under the direction of an authorized licensee.

COST RECOVERY

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

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS

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

"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.
- "(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."
- 17. **Marijuana** is a Schedule I controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11054(d)(13), and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a hallucinogenic drug.
- 18. Norco, Vicodin, Vicodin ES, Lortab, and Lorcet are among the brand names for compounds of varying dosages of acetaminophen (aka APAP) and Hydrocodone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4) and dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. The varying compounds are also known generically as Hydrocodone with APAP. These are all narcotic drugs.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 19. On or about October 7, 2010, officer(s) from the Brentwood (CA) Police Department responded to a report of two persons smoking marijuana in a Brentwood park. Upon arrival, the officer(s) contacted Respondent, who admitted that she had been smoking marijuana, that she did not possess a medical cannabis card, and that she had "a lot" of marijuana in her possession.
- 20. On that date, in Respondent's purse, the officer(s) found a clear, glass jar containing approximately 31.7 grams of marijuana, and also two (2) small plastic pill bottles, each containing several pills of what was subsequently determined to be generic Norco (Hydrocodone with APAP). Under questioning by the officer(s), Respondent admitted that she got the marijuana from a friend, that she smokes marijuana recreationally and to help with the pain caused by her braces, that she got the generic Norco from a friend, paying \$2.00 per pill, and that she also takes the Norco to help with her pain. She admitted to buying approximately fifty (50) pills of Norco every two weeks. Lastly, she eventually admitted to being addicted to Norco.

- 21. From an unknown start date in or about January 2012 until on or about October 11, 2012, Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician at a Safeway Pharmacy (PHY 36832) in Antioch, CA, where by virtue of her employment she had access to controlled substances and dangerous drugs. During her employment, Respondent used her access to divert/steal controlled substances / dangerous drugs, including **Norco** or other **hydrocodone**-containing drugs.
- 22. The exact number of instances of diversion/theft by Respondent, and the full quantity of controlled substances or dangerous drugs diverted/stolen, are not known, but in the course of investigations by Safeway and by the Board, the following was discovered:
- a. In or about August 2012, additional hidden surveillance cameras were installed in the pharmacy where Respondent worked, due to concerns over possible losses of narcotics.
- b. On or about October 7, 2012, loss prevention discovered video evidence that Respondent was diverting/stealing narcotic controlled substances from the pharmacy stock.
- c. On or about October 10, 2012, Respondent was interviewed by loss prevention staff and/or managers for Safeway. She confessed to her past history of self-use of Norco or its generic equivalent(s) in 2010, as described in paragraph 19 above. She further admitted that she continued consuming Norco even after completing a court-ordered drug diversion program, and that she began stealing generic Norco (Hydrocodone with APAP) 10/325 from the Safeway Pharmacy upon starting employment in or about January 2012. She admitted to stealing one hundred (100) tablets of generic Norco (Hydrocodone with APAP) 10/325 from the Antioch store, and that she self-administered the drugs. She tendered her resignation from employment.
- d. On or about October 17, 2012, Safeway submitted a Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances (Form DEA-106) to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and to the Board, in which Safeway reported the following losses to employee pilferage: 2,507 tablets of **Hydrocodone with APAP 10/325** (generic **Norco**), and 238 tablets of **Norco 10/325**.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Corruption)

23. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(f) of the Code, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 19 to 22 above, committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration/Use of Controlled Substance)

24. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(h) of the Code, and/or 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code and Health and Safety Code section(s) 11170 and/or 11550, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 19 to 22 above, self-administered/used, conspired to self-administer/use, and/or assisted in or abetted self-administration use of, a controlled substance.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing of Controlled Substance(s))

25. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4059 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11170, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 19 to 22 above, furnished to herself or another, and/or conspired to furnish, and/or assisted or abetted furnishing, a controlled substance/dangerous drug, without prescription.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substance(s))

26. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4060 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section(s) 11350 and/or 11357, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 19 to 22 above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of, one or more controlled substance(s), without a prescription.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtaining Controlled Substance by Fraud, Deceit or Subterfuge)

27. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11173(a), in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 19 to 22 above, obtained, conspired to obtain, and/or assisted in or abetted the obtaining of a controlled substance, by fraud, deceit, subterfuge, or concealment of material fact.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

28. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 19 to 27 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 72332, issued to Natalie Jeanne Goldsworthy (Respondent);
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 2/27/13

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer

Board of Pharmacy

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- 5. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 6. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. 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. Section 4402(e) of the Code provides that any other license issued by the Board may be canceled by the Board if not renewed within 60 days after its expiration, and will require a new application.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

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- (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
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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. Marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11054(d)(13), and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a hallucinogenic drug.
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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration of Controlled Substance(s))

20. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(h) of the Code, and/or 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code and Health and Safety Code section 11170, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 and 19 above, administered a controlled substance to herself.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing of Controlled Substance(s))

21. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4059 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11170, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 and 19 above, furnished to herself or another without a valid prescription, and/or conspired to furnish, and/or assisted or abetted furnishing of, a controlled substance.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substance(s))

22. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4060 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section(s) 11350 and/or 11357, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 and 19 above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of, a controlled substance, without a prescription.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substance(s))

23. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11550, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 and 19 above, used and/or was under the influence of, conspired to use/be under the influence of, and/or assisted in or abetted use/being under the influence of, a controlled substance,.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

24. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 23 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 72332, issued to Natalie Jeanne Goldsworthy (Respondent);
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 7/19/12

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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