1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY					
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA					
10		1				
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4557				
12	KELLEY JEAN MCDONALD 1244 E. Cypress					
13	Redlands, CA 92374	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER				
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 16419	[Gov. Code, §11520]				
15	Respondent.					
16						
17	EINIDINIGS OF EACT					
18	FINDINGS OF FACT					
19	1. On or about December 6, 2013, Complainant Virginia Herold (Complainant), in her					
20	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of					
21	Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 4557 against Kelley Jean McDonald (Respondent) before					
22	the Board. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)					
23	2. On or about June 29, 1995, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No.					
24	TCH 16419 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at					
25 26	all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4557, expired on April 30, 2013, and has not been renewed.					
²⁰ 27	3. On or about December 31, 2013, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class					
28	Mail copies of the Accusation No. 4557, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request					
-0	,	1				

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 section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of record was and is:

1244 E. Cypress, Redlands, CA 92374.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- 5. On or about January 14, 2014, a signed certified mail receipt for the aforementioned documents sent by Certified Mail was returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "FORWARD TIME EXP RTN TO SEND," with a forwarding address of "1422 E D ST APT D, ONTARIO CA 91764-5609."
- 6. On or about January 14, 2014, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 4557, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's forwarding address of:

1422 E. D St., Apt. D Ontario, CA 91764-5609.

- 7. On or about February 7, 2014, the Certified Mail sent to 1422 E. D St., Ap. D, Ontario, CA 91764-5609 was returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "VACANT."
- 8. On or about February 20, 2014, the First Class Mail sent to 1422 E. D St., Ap. D, Ontario, CA 91764-5609 was returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Undeliverable as Addressed."
 - 9. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
 - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

- 10. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 4557.
 - 11. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
 - (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 12. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 4557, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4557, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.
- 13. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement is \$2,972.50 as of June 3, 2014.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 16419 to discipline.
 - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case.
- a. Business and Professions Code sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (l), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:

-///

8

9 10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23 24

25

26

2.7

28

- i. On February 17, 2011, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People v. Kelly* Beachman et al. (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2012, No. MWV1005772), Respondent pled guilty to count 1, a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11550, subdivision (a) [under the influence of a controlled substance], a misdemeanor. The circumstances of the offense are as follows: On or about November 29, 2010, Deputy M.B. of the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department made a traffic stop on a bicycle that was being ridden by K.L. During his contact with K.L., Deputy M.B. determined that K.L. had an active \$25,000 warrant in Los Angeles County and the deputy placed K.L. under arrest. Upon K.L.'s request, Deputy K.B. and K.L. dropped off K.L.'s bicycle at his residence. Deputy M.B. entered the residence upon K.L.'s consent, and while inside, the deputy made contact with Respondent. During this contact, Deputy M.B. determined that Respondent was under the influence of a controlled substance. Respondent admitted to Deputy M.B. that she had used methamphetamine that day or the day before. Respondent also told Deputy M.B. that she had marijuana in her belongings. During a search of Respondent's room, Deputy M.B. retrieved approximately 1.6 grams of marijuana and a marijuana pipe.
- b. Business and Professions Code sections 4301, subdivision (h), in that on or about November 29, 2010, Respondent administered a controlled substance to herself, as more fully discussed in paragraph (a), subparagraph (i), above.
- Business and Professions Code section 4301, subdivision (j), in that on or about November 10, 2011 and November 29, 2010, Respondent violated a California statute regulating controlled substances when she was found in possession of a controlled substance.
- i. The circumstances of the November 10, 2011 offense are as follows: On or about November 10, 2011, at approximately 11:59 p.m., Officer N.S. of the Rancho Cucamonga Police Department observed a red Toyota Corolla veering from the number 1 lane to the number 2 lane, crossing the white dotted line on two separate occasions. Believing that the driver of the vehicle may be under the influence, Officer N.S. initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle. Officer N.S. made contact with the driver and front passenger of the vehicle, and identified the driver as Respondent. When Officer N.S. explained the reason for the stop,

ORDER IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 16419, issued to Respondent Kelley Jean McDonald, is revoked. Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute. This Decision shall become effective on August 11, 2014. It is so ORDERED July 11, 2014. **BOARD OF PHARMACY** DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA **Board President** 51526776.DOC DOJ Matter ID:LA2013508866 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation

Exhibit A

Accusation

1	Kamala D. Harris							
2	Attorney General of California MARC D. GREENBAUM							
3	Supervising Deputy Attorney General BORA SONG							
4	Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 276475 300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013							
5								
6	Telephone: (213) 897-2674 Facsimile: (213) 897-2804							
7	Attorneys for Complainant							
8								
9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY							
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA							
11								
12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 4557							
13	KELLEY JEAN MCDONALD 1244 E. Cypress							
14	Redlands, CA 92374 A C C U S A T I O N							
15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH							
16	Respondent.							
17								
18								
19	Complainant alleges:							
20	<u>PARTIES</u>							
21	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 June 29, 1995, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy							
24	Technician Registration number TCH 16419 to Kelley Jean McDonald (Respondent). The							
25	Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges							
26	brought herein, expired on April 30, 2013, and has not been renewed.							
27	///							
28								
	1 Accusation	n						

JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Business and Professions Code section 118, subdivision (b), provides 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.
 - 5. Section 490 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
- 6. Section 4300 provides that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
 - 7. Section 4300.1 states:

¹ All further statutory references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

2.4

"The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, 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."

8. Section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

"(g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

"(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

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

"(I) 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."

9. Section 493 states:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of 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.

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

///

2.12.2

 REGULATORY PROVISIONS

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

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

COST RECOVERY

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

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 11. Marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance as designated by Section 4021 and Health and Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (d)(13).
- 12. Methamphetamine is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Section 4021 and Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2).

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

- 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 490 and Section 4301, subdivision (I), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:
- 14. On February 17, 2011, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People v. Kelly Beachman et al.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2012, No. MWV1005772), Respondent pled guilty to count 1, a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11550, subdivision (a) [under the influence of a controlled substance], a misdemeanor. Count 2, a violation of former Health and Safety

Code section 11357, subdivision (b) ² [unauthorized possession of marijuana], was dismissed in light of the plea. Pursuant to Penal Code section 1210.1, pronouncement of judgment was withheld and conditional revocable release was granted for a period of 24 months with standard terms and conditions including participation in a counseling program. On June 28, 2012, an ex parte hearing was held, during which it was alleged that Respondent failed to enroll in and complete a counseling program as ordered, and Respondent's probation was consequently revoked. On October 25, 2012, Respondent failed to appear at the hearing on his violation of probation. As of November 4, 2013, Respondent's probation remained revoked in case no. MWV1005772.

a. The factual circumstances of the offense are as follows: On or about November 29, 2010, Deputy M.B. of the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department made a traffic stop on a bicycle that was being ridden by K.L. During his contact with K.L., Deputy M.B. determined that K.L. had an active \$25,000 warrant in Los Angeles County and the deputy placed K.L. under arrest. Upon K.L.'s request, Deputy K.B. and K.L. dropped off K.L.'s bicycle at his residence. Deputy M.B. entered the residence upon K.L.'s consent, and while inside, the deputy made contact with Respondent. During this contact, Deputy M.B. determined that Respondent was under the influence of a controlled substance. Respondent admitted to Deputy M.B. that she had used methamphetamine that day or the day before. Respondent also told Deputy M.B. that she had marijuana in her belongings. During a search of Respondent's room, Deputy M.B. retrieved approximately 1.6 grams of marijuana and a marijuana pipe. Deputy M.B. arrested Respondent for violating Health and Safety Code section 11550 and former Health and Safety Code section 11357, subdivision (b).

///

² Former Health and Safety Code section 11357, subdivision (b), stated in pertinent part, "[E]very person who possesses not more than 28.5 grams of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis, is guilty of a *misdemeanor*" (Stats. 1983, ch. 434, § 1.5, italics added.) In 2010, former Health and Safety Code section 11357, subdivision (b), was amended (Stats. 2010, ch. 708, § 1) to read in pertinent part, "[E]very person who possesses not more than 28.5 grams of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis, is guilty of an *infraction*" (Italics added.) The statute as amended became operative on January 1, 2011. In 2011, the statute was amended once again, but without substantive changes to subdivision (b). (Stats. 2011, ch. 15, § 159.)

12

10

15 16

17

18 19

20

2122

23

2425

27

26

28

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Use of a Controlled Substance)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 4301, subdivision (h), in that on or about November 29, 2010, Respondent administered a controlled substance to herself. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 14 and 14(a), as though set forth fully herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of State Statutes Regulating Controlled Substances)

- Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 4301, subdivision (j), in that on or about November 10, 2011, Respondent violated a California statute regulating controlled substances when she was found in possession of a controlled substance, to wit: methamphetamine. The factual circumstances of the offense are as follows: On or about November 10, 2011, at approximately 11:59 p.m., Officer N.S. of the Rancho Cucamonga Police Department observed a red Toyota Corolla veering from the number 1 lane to the number 2 lane, crossing the white dotted line on two separate occasions. Believing that the driver of the vehicle may be under the influence, Officer N.S. initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle. Officer N.S. made contact with the driver and front passenger of the vehicle, and identified the driver as Respondent. When Officer N.S. explained the reason for the stop, Respondent stated that she was sorry for not paying attention. Upon Officer's N.S.'s inquiry, Respondent stated that there was nothing illegal in the vehicle and consented to its search. During the search of the vehicle, Officer N.S. located a clear plastic baggie containing methamphetamine. This methamphetamine was located inside a black purse, which Respondent admitted belonged to her. Respondent told Officer N.S. that she forgot the methamphetamine was inside of her purse. Respondent was charged with a felony violation of Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a) [possession of a controlled substancel.
- 17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 4301, subdivision (j), in that on or about November 29, 2010, Respondent violated California statutes regulating controlled substances when she was arrested for violations of Health and Safety Code sections

11550, subdivision (a) [under the influence of a controlled substance], and 11357, subdivision (b) [unauthorized possession of marijuana]. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 14 and 14(a), as though set forth fully herein.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Knowingly Making a False Statement of Fact)

18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 4301, subdivision (g), in that Respondent knowingly made a false statement of fact to the Board by failing to disclose her 2011 conviction on her renewal application for licensure. The circumstances are as follows: On or about April 30, 2011, Respondent submitted a renewal application for Pharmacy Technician Registration number TCH 16419. On the renewal application, Respondent checked box "H", answering "NO" to the inquiry, "Since you last renewed your license, have you had any license discipline by a government agency or other disciplinary body; or, have you been convicted of any crime in any state, the U S A and its territories, military court or a foreign country?" Complainant also refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 14, as though set forth fully herein.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of State Laws and Regulations Governing Pharmacy)

19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent committed an act or several acts in violation of the state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the Board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 14–18, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

PRAYER

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

1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration number TCH 16419, issued to Kelley Jean McDonald;

1	2.	Ordering Kelley Jean McD	Oonald to pay the Board of Ph	armacy the reasonabl	e costs of		
2	the 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.						
5							
6			`	1			
7		10/10	() ^ · · · · (\times / I			
8	DATED: _	12/6/13	VIRGINIA HEROLD	Huma			
9			Executive officer Board of Pharmacy				
10			Department of Consumer State of California	Affairs			
11			Complainant				
12	LA2013508	866					
13	51397804.d	oc					
14							
15							
16		·					
17		•					
18					÷		
19							
20							
21							
22							
23	-						
24							
25							
26							
27							
28							
			9		Accusation		