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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

CV HEALTH SERVICES, INC. DBA RXN THINGS 5123 E. Beverly Blvd

Los Angeles, CA 90022

Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 50157

and

JOSEPH VIVO 5123 E. Beverly Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90022

Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 30634

Respondents.

Case No. 4576

OAH No. 2014060698 STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPROVAL AS TO JOSEPH VIVO

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on March 4, 2015.

It is so ORDERED on February 25, 2015.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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By

STAN C. WEISSER Board President February 25, 2015

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California State Board of Pharmacy

1625 N. Market Blvd, N219, Sacramento, CA 95834

Re: LETTER OF PUBLIC REPROVAL In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Joseph Vivo, Pharmacist License No. RPH 30634

Dear Mr. Vivo:

On September 19, 2013, the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, filed an Accusation against your Pharmacist License. The Accusation alleged that you engaged in unprofessional conduct after two routine inspections of CV Health, Inc. dba RXnThings on July 13, 2012 and July 23, 2012. The violations that were discovered include: California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (b) for failure to follow operational standards and security; Business and Professions Code section 4116, subdivision (a) for failure to maintain security of drug storage; Business and Professions Code section 4117 for failure to restrict admission to area where drugs are stored; Business and Professions Code section 4040, subdivision (b) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717, subdivision (c) for failure to reduce oral prescriptions to a written format; Business and Professions Code section 4110, subdivision (a) for failure to operate the pharmacy with a valid license; and Business and Professions Code section 4081, subdivision (a) for failure to maintain proper records of dangerous drugs.

Taking into consideration that these events took place over two years ago, that this is the first time you have been before the Board in a disciplinary matter, and that there are other mitigating circumstances in this case that support the determination that you are safe to practice pharmacy, the Board has decided that the charges warrant a public reproval.

Accordingly, in resolution of this matter under the authority provided under Business and Professions Code section 495, the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs issues this letter of public reproval.

Sincerely,

Virginia Herold

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs

. 1	Kamala D. Harris	
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8.	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY	
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15	and	
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18	Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 30634	
19	Respondents.	
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22	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGE	REED by and between the parties to the above-
	entitled proceedings that the following matters as	re true:
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2,6	1. VIRGINIA HEROLD (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of
	Pharmacy. She brought this action solely in her	official capacity and is represented in this matter
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		STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (4576)

by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Leslie A. Walden, Deputy Attorney General.

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Respondent Joseph Vivo (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney
 Noah Jussim, whose address is: McGruireWoods, LLP, 1800 Century Park East, 8th Floor
 Los Angeles, CA 90067.

6 3. On or about September 27, 1976, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License
7 No. RPH 30634 to Joseph Vivo (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force and
8 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4576 and will expire on April
9 30, 2015, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 4576 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 October 15, 2013.
 Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation
 No. 4576 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4576. Respondent has also carefully read, fully
 discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
 Order for Public Reproval.

6. Respondent is fully aware of his 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
his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to
present evidence and to testify on his 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 Accusation No. 4576.

9. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Disciplinary Order below.

<u>CONTINGENCY</u>

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent 9 understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may 10 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to 11 or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent 12 understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation .13 prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation 14 as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval 15 shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action 16 between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having 17 considered this matter. 18

19 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
 20 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval, including
 21 Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and
 22 effect as the originals.

12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is intended by
the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment
of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements,

understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated
Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval may not be altered, amended, modified,

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2	of each of the parties.	
3	1,3. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that	
4	the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following	

the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 30634 issued to Respondent 8 Joseph Vivo (Respondent) shall, by way of letter from the Board's Executive Officer, be publicly 9 reproved. The letter shall be in the same form as the letter attached as Exhibit B to this 10 stipulation. 11

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall pay \$19,732 to the Board for its costs 12 associated with the investigation and enforcement of this matter. Respondent shall pay these 13 costs within 30 days of the effective date of the Order adopting this Stipulation. If Respondent 14 fails to pay the Board costs as ordered, Respondent shall not be allowed to renew his Pharmacist 15 License until Respondent pays costs in full. 16

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public 18 Reproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Noah Jussim .. I understand the stipulation 19 and the offect it will have on my Pharmacist License. Lenter into this Stipulated Settlement and 20 Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be 21 bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy. 22

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JOSEPH VIVO Respondent

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ENDORSEMENT

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2	The foregoing St	lipulated Settlement and Disc	iplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby
3	respectfully submitted	for consideration by the Boa	rd of Pharmacy of the Department of
4	Consumer Affairs.		
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6	Dated: 15 15	١	Respectfully submitted,
7		1 1 1	KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California
8		· .	MARC D. GREENBAUM Supervising Deputy Attorney General
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 4576

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	1	Kamala D. Harris	· · · ·
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	23	Complainant alleges:	
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1	in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on	
2	September 1, 2013, unless renewed. On or about September 27, 1976, the Board of Pharmacy	
3	issued Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 30634 to Joseph Vivo (Vivo). The License was	
4 ·	in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April	
5	30, 2015, unless renewed.	
6	JURISDICTION	
7	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of	
8	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the	
9	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.	
10	4. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:	
11	"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license	
12	pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a	
13	crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a	
14	licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a	
15	licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner	
16	consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."	
17	5. Section 4300 of the Code states:	
18	"(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.	
19	"(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default	
20	has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the	
21	following methods:	
22	"(1) Suspending judgment.	
23	"(2) Placing him or her upon probation.	
24	"(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.	
25	"(4) Revoking his or her license.	
26	"(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its	
27	discretion may deem proper.	
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"(e) The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein. The action shall be final, except that the propriety of the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure."

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Section 4081 of the Code states:

"(a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, or disposition of dangerous drugs 7 or dangerous devices shall be at all times during business hours open to inspection by authorized 8 officers of the law, and shall be preserved for at least three years from the date of making. A 9 current inventory shall be kept by every manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, veterinary 10 food-animal drug retailer, physician, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, laboratory, clinic, hospital, 11 institution, or establishment holding a currently valid and unrevoked certificate, license, permit, 12registration, or exemption under Division 2 (commencing with Section 1200) of the Health and 13 Safety Code or under Part 4 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 9 of the Welfare and 14 Institutions Code who maintains a stock of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices. 15

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7. Section 4110, subdivision (a) of the Code states:

"(a) No person shall conduct a pharmacy in the State of California unless he or she has
obtained a license from the board. A license shall be required for each pharmacy owned or
operated by a specific person. A separate license shall be required for each of the premises of any
person operating a pharmacy in more than one location. The license shall be renewed annually.
The board may, by regulation, determine the circumstances under which a license may be
transferred."

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8. Section 4116, subdivision (a) of the Code states:

"(a) No person other than a pharmacist, an intern pharmacist, an authorized officer of the
law, or a person authorized to prescribe shall be permitted in that area, place, or premises
described in the license issued by the board wherein controlled substances or dangerous drugs or

dangerous devices are stored, possessed, prepared, manufactured, derived, compounded,
 dispensed, or repackaged. However, a pharmacist shall be responsible for any individual who
 enters the pharmacy for the purposes of receiving consultation from the pharmacist or performing
 clerical, inventory control, housekeeping, delivery, maintenance, or similar functions relating to
 the pharmacy if the pharmacist remains present in the pharmacy during all times as the authorized
 individual is present."

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9. Section 4117 of the Code states:

"No person other than a pharmacist, an intern pharmacist, a pharmacy technician, an 9 authorized officer of the law, a person authorized to prescribe, a registered nurse, a licensed 10 vocational nurse, a person who enters the pharmacy for purposes of receiving consultation from a 11 pharmacist, or a person authorized by the pharmacist in charge to perform clerical, inventory 12 control, housekeeping, delivery, maintenance, or similar functions relating to the pharmacy shall 13 be permitted in that area, place, or premises described in the license issued by the board to a 14 licensed hospital wherein controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices are - 15 stored, possessed, prepared, manufactured, derived, compounded, dispensed, or repackaged." . 16

10. Section 4040, subdivision (b) of the Code states:

(b) "... a written order of the prescriber for a dangerous drug, except for any Schedule II 18 controlled substance, that contains at least the name and signature of the prescriber, the name and 19 address of the patient in a manner consistent with paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 20 11164 of the Health and Safety Code, the name and quantity of the drug prescribed, directions for 21 use, and the date of issue may be treated as a prescription by the dispensing pharmacist as long as 22 any additional information required by subdivision (a) is readily retrievable in the pharmacy. In 23 the event of a conflict between this subdivision and Section 11164 of the Health and Safety Code, 24 Section 11164 of the Health and Safety Code shall prevail." 25

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California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717, states:

"(c) Promptly upon receipt of an orally transmitted prescription, the pharmacist shall reduce it to writing, and initial it, and identify it as an orally transmitted prescription. If the prescription is then dispensed by another pharmacist, the dispensing pharmacist shall also initial the prescription to identify him or herself.

"All orally transmitted prescriptions shall be received and transcribed by a pharmacist prior to compounding, filling, dispensing, or furnishing.

"Chart orders as defined in Section 4019 of the Business and Professions Code are not subject to the provisions of this subsection."

12. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (b) states:

"(d) Each pharmacist while on duty shall be responsible for the security of the prescription department, including provisions for effective control against theft or diversion of dangerous drugs and devices, and records for such drugs and devices. Possession of a key to the pharmacy where dangerous drugs and controlled substances are stored shall be restricted to a pharmacist."

COSTS RECOVERY

13. Section 125.3 of the Code states, 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.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

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On or about July 13, 2012, the Board conducted a routine inspection of Rxn located at 14. 5123 E. Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, California. The following violations were found by the Board:

Rxn pharmacy doors were found unlocked with controlled substances located (a) inside and without a pharmacist present. Pharmacist in Charge (PIC) Vivo allowed Rxn to be accessed through a common adjoining door leading to an establishment called Atlantic Pharmacy. PIC Vivo allowed employees of Atlantic Pharmacy access to Rxn, which had controlled substances located inside and no pharmacist present. Atlantic Pharmacy employees were 9 observed moving in and out of Rxn. 10

PIC Vivo failed to make Rxn's records regarding the manufacture, sale, (b)11 acquisition or disposition of dangerous drugs available for inspection in the pharmacy during 12 business hours. 13

15. On or about July 23, 2012, The Board conducted a routine inspection of Medical 14 Group Pharmacy (MGP) (PHY 50157) located at 14860 Roscoe Blvd., Suite 102, Panorama City, 15 California. The following violations were found by the Board: 16

17 (a) PIC Vivo had been operating Rxn as a pharmacy out of MGP without a valid license from approximately March 2012 through July 13, 2012. Thirty-four patient profiles 18 representing 488 prescriptions were filled during this time frame. 19

Original oral prescription records for prescriptions previously filled by Rxn (b)20 were found and were not reduced to writings, initialed or indentified as orally transmitted 21 prescriptions. 22

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Lack of Operational Standards and Security)

Respondents Rxn and Vivo are subject to disciplinary action under California Code of 16. 25 Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivision (b) in that Respondents failed to be maintain the 26 security of the prescription department for effective control against theft or diversion of 27dangerous drugs and devices, and records for such drugs and devices. The circumstances 28

surrounding these violations are set forth in paragraph 14(a) above, and are incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Security of are where Drugs are Stored)

17. Respondents Rxn and Vivo are subject to disciplinary action under section 4116, subdivision (a) of the Code in that Respondents failed to maintain security of the area where controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices were stored. The circumstances surrounding these violations are set forth in paragraph 14(a) above, and are incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Restrict Admission to Area where Drugs are Stored)

12 18. Respondents Rxn and Vivo are subject to disciplinary action under section 4117 of
13 the Code in that Respondents failed to restrict access to authorized individuals to that area where
14 controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices are stored. The circumstances
15 surrounding these violations are set forth in paragraph 14(a) above, and are incorporated herein as
16 though set forth in full.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Oral Prescriptions Not Reduced to Writing)

19 19. Respondents Rxn and Vivo are subject to disciplinary action under section 4040,
 20 subdivision (b) of the Code in conjunctions with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section
 21 1717, subdivision (c) in that Respondents, upon receipt of transmitted of prescriptions, failed to
 22 reduce oral prescriptions to writings, initial them or indentify them as orally transmitted
 23 prescriptions. The circumstances surrounding these violations are set forth in paragraph 15(b)
 24 above, and are incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Operate Pharmacy with a Valid License)

27 20. Respondents Rxn and Vivo are subject to disciplinary action under section 4110,
28 subdivision (a) of the Code in that Respondents failed to conduct a pharmacy in the State of

California with a valid license issued by the Board. The circumstances surrounding these violations are set forth in paragraph 15(a) above, and are incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Records of Dangerous Drugs)

21. Respondents Rxn and Vivo are subject to disciplinary action under section 4081, subdivision (a) of the Code in that Respondent's records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, or disposition of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices were not held open for inspection by authorized officers of the law during business hours. The circumstances surrounding these violations are set forth in paragraph 14(b) above, and are incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Vivo, 22, 13 Complainant alleges that on or about December 20, 2012, the Board of Pharmacy issued to Vivo 14 Citation No. CI 2012 55043 for a violation of section 4005 of the Code and California Code of 15 Regulations, title 16, section 1701.4, subdivision (a)(4), and ordered Vivo to pay a fine in the 16 amount of \$1000.00. The circumstances surrounding this citation were such that on or about July 17 23, 2012, the Board conducted a routine inspection of Medical Group Pharmacy (PHY 50157) 18 located at 14860 Roscoe Blvd., Suite 102, Panorama City, California, where Respondent Vivo 19 transferred prescription refills to Rxn without maintaining documentation of the transfers. That 20 Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth. 21

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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:

Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50157, issued to CV Health
 Services, Inc. dba Rxn Things; and Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 30634 issued to
 Joseph Vivo:

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Accusation

1	2. Ordering CV Health Services, Inc. dba Rxn Things and Joseph Vivo to pay the	
. 2	Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,	
3	pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;	
. 4	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.	
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Exhibit B

Letter of Public Reproval in Case No. 4576

Joseph Vivo 3616 Glenridge Drive Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

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Sincerely,

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs