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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 4588

MICHELLE ANNE MCCALLUM 9555 Archer Road Salinas, CA 93907 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

Respondent.

[Gov. Code, §11520]

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FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about June 10, 2013, Complainant Virginia K. Herold, in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 4588 against Michelle Anne McCallum (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)
- 2. On or about April 7, 1993, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 6527 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4588 and will expire on January 31, 2015, unless renewed.

- 3. On or about June 17, 2013, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of: Accusation No. 4588, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, and Request for Discovery 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: 9555 Archer Road, Salinas, CA 93907.
- 4. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136 and/or 4100, and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1704, Respondent's address of record, and any changes thereto, are required to be reported and maintained with the Board.
 - 5. 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.
- 6. 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. 4588.
 - 7. 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.
- 8. 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. 4588, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4588, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

9. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement is \$4,060.00 as of July 23, 2013.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Michelle Anne McCallum has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 6527 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. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(f) of the Code in that

 Respondent committed moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

 Respondent stole thousands of tablets of carisoprodol from her employer, CVS, where Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician.
 - Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(h) of the code in that
 Respondent self administered the controlled substance carisoprodol without a prescription.
 - c. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301(j) and/or 4301(o) of the code in that Respondent violated Section 4060 of the code and/or Health and Safety Code sections 11170 and/or 11173. Respondent stole thousands of tablets of carisoprodol from her employer, CVS, where Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician.
 - d. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct. Respondent stole thousands of tablets of carisoprodol from her employer, CVS, where Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician.

ORD<u>ER</u> IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 6527, heretofore issued to Respondent Michelle Anne McCallum, 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 November 22, 2013. It is so ORDERED ON October 23, 2013. **BOARD OF PHARMACY** DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA Board President 40730800.DOC DOJ Matter ID:SF2013404231 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation

Exhibit A

Accusation

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8 9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 4588
11 12 13	MICHELLE ANNE McCALLUM 9555 Archer Road Salinas, CA 93907 A C C U S A T I O N
14	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 6527
15	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	<u>PARTIES</u>
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
21	2. On or about April 7, 1993, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician
22	License Number TCH 6527 to Michelle Anne McCallum (Respondent). The Pharmacy
23	Technician License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein
24	and will expire on January 31, 2015, unless renewed.
25	JURISDICTION
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
27 28	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the
4 8	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

- 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 states:

"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:

- "(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, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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(1) 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."

8. Section 4022 of the Code states

"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.

"(b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: fe by or on the order of a ______," "Rx only," or words c in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or

"(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."

9. Section 4060 of the Code states:

"No person shall possess any controlled substance, es the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometr pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practiti physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, or naturopat or a pharmacist pursuant to either subparagraph (D) of para subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of, subdivision (a) of Se apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a mapharmacist, physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, veter nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, we labeled with the name and address of the supplier or productions.

"Nothing in this section authorizes a certified nurse-r physician assistant, or a naturopathic doctor, to order his or devices."

- 10. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provide administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or
- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivious obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procuradministration of or prescription for controlled substances, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self Administration of a Controlled Substance)

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(h) of the code in that Respondent self administered the controlled substance carisoprodol. Respondent stole thousands of tablets of carisoprodol from her employer for self use.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Drug and Pharmacy Laws)

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301(j) and/or 4301(o) of the code in that Respondent violated Section 4060 of the code and/or Health and Safety Code §§ 11170 and/or 11173. Respondent possessed and self administered the controlled substance carisoprodol that was not furnished through a prescription. Respondent obtained the carisoprodol by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, subterfuge, or by the concealment of a material fact. Respondent stole thousands of tablets of carisoprodol from her employer, CVS, where she worked as a pharmacy technician.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction)

18. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(l) of the Code in that Respondent was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the duties, functions, or qualifications of a pharmacy technician. On or about January 22, 2013, In Monterey County Superior Court Case No. SS121935A, Respondent was convicted of violating Penal Code section 508, embezzlement by an employee. Respondent stole thousands of tablets of carisoprodol from her employer, CVS, where she worked as a pharmacy technician.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

19. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct. Respondent stole thousands of tablets of carisoprodol from her employer, CVS, where Respondent worked as a pharmacy technician.

<u>PRAYER</u>

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 Registration Number TCH 6527, issued to Michelle Anne McCallum;
- 2. Ordering Michelle Anne McCallum to pay the Board of Pharmacy 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 deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 6/10/13 Quaina Shedd

Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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