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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:
**STAFFORD, AMIE LEA
1733 Newport Drive
Yuba City, California 95993
Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH
44783**

Respondent.

Case No. 4630

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

[Gov. Code, §11520]

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about December 2, 2013, Complainant Virginia Herold, in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 4630 against Stafford, Amie Lea (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On or about October 16, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 44783 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4630 and will expire on June 30, 2014, unless renewed.

3. On or about January 10, 2013, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 4630, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request

1 for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and
2 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code
3 section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of
4 record was and is:

5 1733 Newport Drive
6 Yuba City, California 95993.

7 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
8 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section
9 124.

10 5. On or about January 13, 2014, the green return receipt was returned by the U.S.
11 Postal Service signed by "Robert Crisman." The documents sent via regular mail were not
12 returned.

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

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

19 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of
20 the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 4630.

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

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

26 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds
27 Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the
28 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. 4630, finds that

1 the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4630, are separately and severally, found to be true
2 and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

3 10. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and
4 Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation
5 and Enforcement is \$2,142.50.00 as of June 24, 2014.

6 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

7 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Stafford, Amie Lea has subjected
8 her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 44783 to discipline.

9 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

10 3. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician
11 Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported
12 by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case:

13 a. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 subd. (l) in that
14 she was convicted of crimes substantially related to the practice of a pharmacy technician. The
15 circumstances are as follows:

16 1. On or about January 3, 2013, in *People v. Amie Lea Stafford*, Yuba County
17 Superior Court, Case No. M-12-00999, Respondent pled guilty to a violation of Health and
18 Safety Code section 110550 (a), (under influence of a controlled substance), a misdemeanor.

19 The circumstances were that on or about September 23, 2012, respondent, called the Yuba
20 County Sherriff's Office to report a kidnapping. When deputies arrived they found Respondent
21 difficult to converse with and rambling incoherently. In an interview with deputies, Respondent
22 admitted to smoking "Crank" earlier that day but could not remember how many times she used.

23 2. On or about September 27, 2012, in *People v. Amie Lea Stafford*, Sutter County
24 Superior Court, Respondent pled nolo contendere to a violation of Penal Code section 602.1 (a)
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1 (obstructing lawful business and refusing to leave the premises of a building), a misdemeanor.

2 The circumstances were that on or about August 26, 2012, Sutter County Sheriff's deputies
3 were dispatched to a Quick Stop located at 1620 Lincoln Road in Yuba City where respondent
4 refused to leave the premises. Upon their arrival they found Respondent, who stated, "I'm
5 committing a crime now and you need to arrest me." Respondent had lost custody of her children
6 and moved out of her parent's home.

7 3. On or about May 2, 2013, in *People v. Amie Lea Stafford*, Butte County Superior
8 Court, Respondent pled no contest to a violation of Penal Code section 602.5 (a)(unauthorized
9 entry of a dwelling house) a misdemeanor.
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11 The circumstances were that on or about October 18, 2012, Respondent unlawfully entered
12 and remained in a non-commercial dwelling house, apartment and other residential place without
13 the consent of the owner, owner's agent and the person in lawful possession thereof.

14 b. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 (h), in that
15 respondent used drugs in a manner dangerous to herself and others as more specifically set forth
16 below.
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18 1. On or about On or about October 7, 2012, Marysville Police were dispatched to
19 investigate a report by respondent that "people were trying to blow her up with bombs." upon
20 making contact officers conducted a series of field tests and concluded that Respondent was
21 under the influence of a controlled substance. Upon questioning, Respondent admitted that she
22 had consumed methamphetamine two hours prior to police intervention.
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24 c. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Business and Professions Code
25 section 4301 (f) and (o) in that she possessed marijuana and drug paraphernalia in violation of
26 law. The circumstances were that on or about December 11, 2012, a Yuba County Sheriff's
27 Department Deputy made contact with Respondent who was under a bridge. When asked if she
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1 had anything illegal on her person, She responded that she was "carrying a lot of stuff for a lot of
2 people. " A search of her person by the deputy uncovered, three syringes, a black carrying case, a
3 spoon in a clear plastic case and 1.1 grams of marijuana.

4 d. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Business and Professions Code
5 section 4301 (o) (j) and 4060, in that she possessed methamphetamine and marijuana.

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7 ORDER

8 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 44783, heretofore
9 issued to Respondent Stafford, Amie Lea, is revoked.

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

14 This Decision shall become effective on August 15, 2014.

15 It is so ORDERED July 16, 2014.

16 BOARD OF PHARMACY
17 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
18 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

19 By 

20 STAN C. WEISSER
21 Board President

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23 Attachment:
24 Exhibit A: Accusation

Exhibit A

Accusation

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A C C U S A T I O N

15 **Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH**
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16 Respondent.
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19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
22 as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs. 1. On or
23 about October 16, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician Registration
24 Number TCH 44783 to Stafford, Amie Lea (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician
25 Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and
26 will expire on June 30, 2014, unless renewed.

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1 **JURISDICTION**

2 2. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
3 Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the
4 Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

5 3. Section 4300 of the Code states in pertinent part:

6 "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.

7 "(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the
8 board, whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and
9 found guilty, by any of the following methods:

10 "(1) Suspending judgment.

11 "(2) Placing him or her upon probation.

12 "(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one
13 year.

14 "(4) Revoking his or her license.

15 "(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the
16 board in its discretion may deem proper.

17 4. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

18 The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued
19 license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the
20 placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a
21 licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any
22 investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render
23 a decision suspending or revoking the license

24 5. Section 4301 of the Code states in pertinent part:

25 The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty
26 of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or
27 misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is
28 not limited to, any of the following:

(a) Gross immorality.

(b) Incompetence.

(c) Gross negligence.

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(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty,
fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as
a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.

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(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.

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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.

(l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

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

6. Section 4060 of the Code states:

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

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

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

8 DRUGS

9 8. "Methamphetamine" is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health
10 and Safety Code section 11055(d)(2).

11 9. "Marijuana" is a Schedule I controlled substance as designated by Health and
12 Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (d)(13).

13 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 14 (Conviction of crimes)

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13 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**
14 **(Use of Drugs in a Manner Dangerous to Self or Others)**

15 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 (h), in that
16 respondent used drugs in a manner dangerous to herself and others as more specifically set forth
17 below.

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24 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**
25 **(Commission of an act of Moral Turpitude or Corruption)**

26 16. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Business and Professions Code
27 section 4301 (f) and (o) in that she possessed marijuana and drug paraphernalia in violation of
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5 spoon in a clear plastic case and 1.1 grams of marijuana.

6 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**
7 **(possession)**

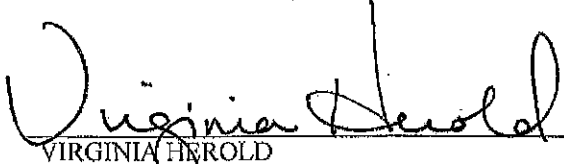
8 17. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Business and Professions Code
9 section 4301 (o) (j) and 4060, in that she possessed methamphetamine and marijuana as set forth
10 more specifically above in paragraphs 11, 12 and 16.

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12 **PRAYER**

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

- 15 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 44783,
16 issued to Stafford, Amie Lea
- 17 2. Ordering Amie Lea Stafford to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the
18 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
19 125.3;
- 20 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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23 DATED: 12/2/13


24 VIRGINIA HEROLD
25 Executive Officer
26 Board of Pharmacy
27 Department of Consumer Affairs
28 State of California
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