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8	BEFORE THE		
9	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4633	
12	JERRICA MK OWENS		
13	22047 Newbridge Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER	
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCE 91552	[Gov. Code, §11520]	
15	Respondent		
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17	<u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u>		
18	1. — On or about September 6, 2013, Complainant Virginia-Herold, in her official capacity		
19	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed		
20	Accusation No. 4633 against Jerrica MK Owens (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy.		
21	(Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)		
-22	2. On or about July 30, 2009, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy		
23	Technician Registration No. TCH 91552 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration		
24	was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4633		
25	and expired on May 31, 2013. This lapse in licensure, however, pursuant to Business and		
26	Professions Code section 4300.1 does not deprive the Board of its authority to institute or		
27	continue this disciplinary proceeding.		
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- 3. On or about September 13, 2013, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 4633, 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 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 is 22047 Newbridge Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630.
- 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 October 10, 2013, the aforementioned documents were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Unclaimed Return to Sender Unable to Forward."
 - 6. 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.
- 7. 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. 4633.
 - 8. 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.
- 9. 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. 4633, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4633, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

10. 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 \$1,220.00 as of October 14, 2013.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Jerrica MK Owens has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 91552 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 disciplinary action under section 4301(j) and (o) in that on or about November 8, 2012, Respondent was in possession of a controlled substance and dangerous drug, methamphetamine, without a prescription in violation of section 4060 of the Code and Health and Safety Code section 11350.
- b. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 490 and 4301(l) in that on or about May 1, 2013, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of California v. Jerrica Marjoriekentrell Owens*, in the Riverside Superior Court, Case No. SWM1302719, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty for violating Penal Code section-273.5 (corporal injury on spouse/significant other), a misdemeanor, which is a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a pharmacy technician.
- c. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 490 and 4301(l) in on or about June 21, 2013, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of California v. Jerrica Marjoriekentrell Owens*, in the Riverside Superior Court, Case No. SWF1301285, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty for violating Penal Code section 459 (burglary), a felony, a crime which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of pharmacy technician.

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IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 91552, heretofore issued to Respondent Jerrica MK Owens, 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 January 17, 2014. It is so ORDERED ON December 18, 2013. **BOARD OF PHARMACY** DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA By Board President DOJ Matter ID:SD2013805140 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation

Exhibit A Accusation

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16	Respondent.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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= 18	Complainant alleges:	: -	
19	9 PARTIES		
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity		
21	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about July 30, 2009, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		
23	Registration Number TCH 91552 to Jerrica MK Owens (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician		
Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought			
25	license expired on May 31, 2013 and has not be	ën renewed.	
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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 4300(a) of the Code states that "[e]very license issued may be suspended or revoked."
 - 5. Section 4300.1 states:

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.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 482 of the Code states:

Each board under the provisions of this code shall develop criteria to evaluate the rehabilitation of a person when:

- (a) Considering the denial of a license by the board under Section 480; or
- (b) Considering suspension or revocation of a license under Section 490. Each board shall take into account all competent evidence of rehabilitation furnished by the applicant or licensee.
- Section 490 of the Code states:
- (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,

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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.

(d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the application of this section has been made unclear by the holding in Petropoulos v. Department of Real Estate (2006) 142 Cal.App.4th 554, and that the holding in that case has placed a significant number of statutes and regulations in question, resulting in potential harm to the consumers of California from licensees who have been convicted of crimes. Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that this section establishes an independent basis for a board to impose discipline upon a licensee, and that the amendments to this section made by Senate Bill 797 of the 2007-2008 Regular Session.

8. Section 493 of the Code 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.

9. 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.

(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.

(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.
 - (p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license.
- 10. Section 4022 of the Code states:

"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.
- (b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this deice to sale by or on the order of a _____," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
- (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.
- 11. 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, or veterinarian, 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. This section shall not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, physician,

podiatrist, dentist, veterinarian, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or

renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

DRUGS

16. <u>Methamphetamine</u> Is a Schedule II controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine – on November 8, 2012)

- 17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o) of the Code on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that she was in possession of the controlled substance and dangerous drug, methamphetamine, without a prescription in violation of section 4060 of the Code and Health and Safety Code section 11350. The circumstances are as follows:
- Office Deputies conducted a vehicle check at the Chevron gas station in Lake Elsinore,
 California. The vehicle was occupied by a white female adult (Respondent), who was asleep behind the wheel of the parked and running vehicle. Deputies knocked on the front driver side window to wake Respondent. Deputies observed a small, clear zip-lock baggie containing an off-white crystalline substance appearing to be methamphetamine in plain sight resting on the driver's seat in-between Respondent's right leg and the center console. Respondent woke up and was removed from the vehicle. Deputies also located a clear glass smoking pipe in Respondent's rear pant pocket which contained a thick, off-white, crystalline residue in the shaft and bulb, also appearing to be methamphetamine. Respondent admitted to deputies that the smoking pipe was hers. The off-white crystalline substance field-tested positive for methamphetamine. Respondent was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphemalia.

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19. As a result of the arrest, on or about January 25, 2013, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of California vs. Jerrica Marjoriekentrell Owens*, in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, Southwest Division, in Case No. 1208212, Respondent pled guilty to violating Health and Safety Code section 11377(a) (possession of a controlled substance, to wit: methamphetamine), a misdemeanor. As a result of a plea agreement, a count for violating Health and Safety Code section 11364.1 (possession of instrument or paraphernalia used for unlawfully injecting or smoking controlled substances), a misdemeanor, was dismissed. The Court deferred entry of judgment for 18 months and placed Respondent on drug diversion pursuant to Penal Code section 1000.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(May 1, 2013 Criminal Conviction for Infliction of Corporal Injury on Spouse/Significant Other on April 28, 2013)

- 20. Respondent subjected her license to discipline under sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (l) of the Code in that she was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a pharmacy technician. The circumstances are as follows:
- 21. On or about May 1, 2013, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State* of California v. Jerrica Marjoriekentrell Owens, in the Riverside Superior Court, Case No. SWM1302719, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty for violating Penal Code section 273.5 (corporal injury on spouse/significant other), a misdemeanor.
- 22. As a result of the conviction, the Court placed Respondent on three years summary probation and ordered her to serve eight days in the Riverside County Jail, ordered her to obey all laws, ordinances and court orders, pay various fines and fees, perform 20 hours of community service through the Alternative Sentencing Program, enroll in and complete a 52-week Domestic Violence Program, not leave the State of California without first obtaining written permission of the probation department, not annoy, harass, threaten or disturb the peace of A.G., and committed Respondent to an additional term of 83 days in custody.

- 24. Deputies interviewed A.G. who told deputies that while at the Lake Elsinore Casino, he was pushed by a male, but that there had been no further incident at the casino. A.G. told deputies that he was upset at Respondent for walking away from him and leaving him alone at the casino and that A.G. returned to his residence and Respondent arrived later. They argued verbally and A.G. walked away from Respondent to avoid a physical confrontation. At approximately 5:00 p.m., Respondent struck A.G. in the face three times with the palms of her open hands, causing the injuries to his face.
- 25. Deputies then contacted the reporting party (R.P.), who told deputies that she heard Respondent screaming in the parking lot and saw her chasing A.G. who was walking away from Respondent, and that Respondent pushed A.G. in the back and jumped on his back. R.P. told deputies that Respondent and A.G. rounded a corner and the R.P. lost sight of them, and that about two minutes later, A.G. walked toward the R.P. and the R.P. observed that A.G. was bleeding from his nose and that the R.P. then dialed 9-1-1. Respondent was arrested and booked at the Southwest Detention Center for spousal abuse.

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(June 21, 2013 Criminal Conviction for Burglary on May 8, 2013)

- 26. Respondent subjected her license to discipline under sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (I) of the Code in that she was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a pharmacy technician. The circumstances are as follows:
- 27. On or about June 21, 2013, in a criminal proceeding entitled People of the State of California v. Jerrica Marjoriekentrell Owens, in the Riverside Superior Court, Case No. SWF1301285, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty for violating Penal Code section 459 (burglary), a felony.
- As a result of the conviction, the Court placed Respondent on 5 years formal probation and ordered her to serve 270 days in the custody of the Riverside County Sheriff. The Court also ordered, among other things, to pay various fees and fines, pay victim restitution in an amount to be determined by the probation department, not knowingly use nor possess any controlled substances unless lawfully prescribed to her, submit to chemical tests of blood, saliva, breath, or urine, or any reasonable physical test upon request of probation or any law enforcement officer, submit to search and seizure, participate and complete at her own expense any counseling rehabilitation/treatment program deemed appropriate by her probation officer, not associate with any unrelated person known to be on probation or parole, not associate with any unrelated person known to be a possessor, user, or trafficker of controlled substances, not leave the State of California without first obtaining written permission of the probation department, inform probation officer of place of residence and reside at residence approved by probation officer, seek and maintain gainful employment or attend a full-time school or vocational program, submit to immediate search and seizure of person, property, residence, and/or storage units, at any time by probation officer law enforcement with or without reasonable cause, not have any direct or indirect contact with G.P., not annoy, harass, threaten, or disturb the peace of G.P., pay presentence incarceration costs of \$6,408 (incarcerated for 45 days), report to probation officer

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27 28 immediately or within 2 days of release from custody, and report any law enforcement contacts to probation officer within 48 hours.

- 29. The circumstances that led to Respondent's conviction are that on May 8, 2013, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Riverside Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to 215 E. Prospect Street in Lake Elsinore, California, reference a burglary at the residence. Upon arrival, deputies observed that there appeared to have been entry made into the residence from the front window. As Deputies walked to the side of the residence, they observed the victim, G.P., who appeared to be extremely scared. G.P. told deputies that when she returned to her residence with her cousin, F.C., she observed that the front side window and door were open. G.P. told deputies that she was concerned about being burglarized and decided to walk into the house as F.C. stayed near the front door, that she could hear someone in her bedroom moving things, and that G.P. walked to the door of her bedroom and saw Respondent on the other side of her bed rummaging through her property. G.P. told deputies that she was scared for her life and asked Respondent in Spanish what she was doing there, and that Respondent looked at her like she did not understand and continued to sift through her property. G.P. then went to the back of the apartment to lock the door and saw Respondent exit her room and make her way to the front door, G.P. told deputies that she kept telling Respondent to stop as she continued to walk away from her. G.P. told Deputies that Respondent left the residence with nothing in her hands, leaving a partially packed suitease with her property in it. G.P. told deputies that her cousin, G.P., and a neighbor, A.F., observed Respondent exiting the home and followed her on foot as she walked next door and then called the police to report the burglary. G.P. estimated the value of a box with missing jewelry at \$450. Deputies made contact with Respondent who was positively identified as the person that burg larized G.P.'s home and was arrested and transported to the Lake Elsinore station.
- 30. Once at the station, Respondent agreed to talk to Deputies and told them that she saw what appeared to be a house being served with an eviction notice and decided to check the residence. Respondent told deputies that she has burglarized other residences in the past in the City of Lake Elsinore and thought she could get away with it. Respondent told deputies she went to the location because it appeared vacant and attempted to open the window in the back of the

residence and could not, so she decided to go to the front where she removed a screen and pushed the window open and gained entry into the residence. Respondent told deputies that she then proceeded to place clothes and pieces of property into suitcases that she found inside the residence and then went to the front bedroom and began sifting through drawers and placed jewelry in her pockets. Respondent told deputies that she generally takes anything of value but specifically likes jewelry because she can get cash for it. The matter was referred to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office for prosecution. 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 Technician Registration Number TCH 91552 issued to Jerrica MK Owens; 2. Ordering Jerrica MK Owens 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: Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant SD2013805140 70730584.docx 26

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