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

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Case No. 4640

GARA L. GODBOLD

409 Lewis Lane Pacifica, CA 94044

Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 61514

Respondent.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

This decision shall become effective on September 29, 2014.

It is so ORDERED on September 24, 2014.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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10	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA						
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4640					
13	GARA L. GODBOLD 409 Lewis Lane						
14	Pacifica, CA 94044	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER					
15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 61514	DICENSE AND ORDER					
16	Respondent,						
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGI	REED by and between the parties to the above-					
19	entitled proceedings that the following matters a	re true:					
20	<u>PAR</u>	TIES					
21	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy,						
22	She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala						
23	D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Aspasia A. Papavassiliou, Deputy						
24	Attorney General.						
25	2. Gara L. Godbold (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding and has						
26	chosen not to exercise her right to be represented	by counsel.					
27	3. On or about March 4, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician						
28	Registration No. TCH 61514 to Gara L. Godbolo	d (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician					
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Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4640 and will expire on January 31, 2015, unless renewed.

### JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 4640 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 28, 2013. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 4640 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in
   Accusation No. 4640. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this
   Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her 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 her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her 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.

#### <u>CULPABILITY</u>

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 4640, agrees that cause exists for discipline, and hereby surrenders her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 61514 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Pharmacy Technician Registration without further process.

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent in this stipulation are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Pharmacy or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

## CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order 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 Surrender of License and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

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### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 61514, issued to Respondent Gara L. Godbold, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board of Pharmacy.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a pharmacy technician in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her license certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- Respondent may not apply for any license, permit, or registration from the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order. If Respondent ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 4640 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application. Respondent shall satisfy all requirements applicable to that license as of the date the application is submitted to the Board, including, but not limited to certification by a nationally recognized body prior to the issuance of a new license. Respondent is required to report this surrender as a disciplinary action.
- 5. Respondent stipulates that should she apply for any license from the Board on or after the effective date of the Decision and Order, that she shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$3,895 prior to the issuance of a new or reinstated license.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this

1	Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to					
2	be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.					
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4	DATED: 81-14 ()					
5	GARA L. CODBOLD  Respondent					
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7	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>					
8	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted					
9	for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.					
10	Dated: $8/21/2014$ Respectfully submitted,					
11	KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California					
12	DIANN SOKOLOFF Supervising Deputy Attorney General					
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 4640

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13	GARA L, GODBOLD 409 Lewis Lane						
14	Pacifica, CA 94044 ACCUSATION						
15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 61514						
16	Respondent.						
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18	Complainant alleges:						
19	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.						
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23	2. On or about March 4, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician						
- 1	Registration Number TCH 61514 to Gara L. Godbold (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician						
24	Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this						
25	Accusation and will expire on January 31, 2015, unless renewed.						
26	JURISDICTION						
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of						
28	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the						
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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.

27 28 "(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."

#### COST RECOVERY PROVISION

7. 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.

#### DRUG

8. Tramadaol (brand name Ultram) is a pain reliever that is a dangerous drug under Business and Professions Code section 4022,

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 9. While working as a clerk at the Kaiser Permanente pharmacy in South San Francisco in 2012, Respondent diverted numerous 100-tablet bottles of 50 mg Tramadol for her own use without having a prescription for the drug. Kaiser conducted an investigation after routine data mining revealed a variance in Tramadol inventory. On or about June 18, 2012, Respondent admitted to a Kaiser investigator that she had been diverting Tramadol for the past six months, taking "a couple of bottles every other week" and that she had become addicted to the drug. In addition, Respondent confirmed that video footage taken by covert cameras showed some of the diversion, as follows:
  - a. On April 20, 2012, at 2:31 p.m., Respondent diverted 100 tablets;
  - b. On May 6, 2012, at 2:11 p.m., Respondent diverted 300 tablets; and
  - c. On May 15, 2012, at 8:18 p.m., Respondent diverted 200 tablets.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Unprofessional Conduct: Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit) (Bus. & Prof. Code § 4301, subd. (f))

10. Respondent has subjected her pharmacy technician registration to discipline under Code section 4301, subdivision (f) (Unprofessional Conduct: Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 9, above.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Unprofessional Conduct: Dangerous Use of Dangerous Drug) (Bus. & Prof. Code § 4301, subd. (h))

11. Respondent has subjected her pharmacy technician registration to discipline under Code section 4301, subdivision (h) (Dangerous Use of Dangerous Drug). The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 9, above.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged in this Accusation, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 61514. issued to Gara L. Godbold;
- Ordering Gara L. Godbold 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.

Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Complainant

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