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

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Case No. 4431

MIMI NGUYEN aka Vanapha Phouiphanith 406 Washington Square Sacramento, CA 95811

Applicant

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 August 21, 2013.

It is so ORDERED on July 22, 2013.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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9.	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS								
10	STATE OF C	CALIFORNIA							
11	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:	Case No. 4431							
12		STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND							
13	MIMI NGUYEN AKA VANNAPHA PHOUIPHANITH	DISCIPLINARY ORDER							
14	406 Washington Square								
	Sacramento, CA 95811 Pharmacist License								
15	Respondent.								
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	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-								
19	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:								
20	<u>PARTIES</u>								
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 Anahita S. Crawford, Deputy Attorney								
24	General.								
25	2. Respondent Mimi Nguyen aka Vann	apha Phouiphanith (Respondent) is represented							
26	in this proceeding by attorney Gregory P. Matzer	n, whose address is: 2104 Big Sandy Court							
27	Gold River, CA 95670-8399								
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3. On or about May 18, 2012, Respondent filed an application dated May 16, 2012, with the Board of Pharmacy to obtain a Pharmacist License.

JURISDICTION

- 4. Statement of Issues No. 4431 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board),
 Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Statement of
 Issues and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on march
 21, 2013.
- 5. A copy of Statement of Issues No. 4431 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Statement of Issues No. 4431. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Statement of Issues; 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.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Statement of Issues No. 4431.
- 10. Respondent agrees that her Pharmacist License is subject to denial and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

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CIRCUMSTANCES IN MITIGATION

11. Respondent Mimi Nguyen aka Vannapha Phouiphanith is admitting responsibility at an early stage in the proceedings.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. 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 settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. 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 Settlement 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.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 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 Settlement and Disciplinary 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.
- 15. 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 Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Mimi Nguyen aka Vannapha Phouiphanith that Pharmacist License will be issued and immediately revoked. The revocation will be stayed and the Respondent placed on four (4) years probation on the following terms and conditions.

1. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled substances laws
- a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime
- discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
 which involves respondent's Pharmacist license or which is related to the practice of
 pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging
 for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

2. Report to the Board

Respondent shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the board.

3. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

4. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's monitoring and investigation of respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of her probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

5. Continuing Education

Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the board or its designee.

6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 4431 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment, respondent shall cause her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 4431, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

If respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent must notify her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 4431 in advance

of the respondent commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent shall cause her direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that she has read the decision in case number 4431 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause that/those employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgments to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

7. No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Serving as Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant

During the period of probation, respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the board nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

8. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the board on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

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9. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If respondent's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

10. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may tender her license to the board for surrender. The board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the respondent's license history with the board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall relinquish her pocket and wall license to the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board, including any outstanding costs.

11. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or Employment

Respondent shall notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent

shall further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address, mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

12. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month in California, respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which respondent is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours, as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar month during which respondent is practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

13. Violation of Probation

If a respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the board has taken other action as deemed

appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed.

If respondent violates probation in any respect, the board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

14. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the board or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.

15. Random Drug Screening

Respondent, at her own expense, shall participate in random testing, including but not limited to biological fluid testing (urine, blood), breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or other drug screening program as directed by the board or its designee. Respondent may be required to participate in testing for the entire probation period and the frequency of testing will be determined by the board or its designee. At all times, respondent shall fully cooperate with the board or its designee, and shall, when directed, submit to such tests and samples for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotics, dangerous drugs or other controlled substances as the board or its designee may direct. Failure to timely submit to testing as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Upon request of the board or its designee, respondent shall provide documentation from a licensed practitioner that the prescription for a detected drug was legitimately issued and is a necessary part of the treatment of the respondent. Failure to timely provide such documentation shall be considered a violation of probation. Any confirmed positive test for any drug not lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment shall be considered a violation of probation and shall result in the automatic suspension of practice of

pharmacy by respondent. Respondent may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the board in writing.

During suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the board, or any manufacturer, or where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the board, or have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume practice until notified by the board.

During suspension, respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent shall not perform the duties of a pharmacy technician or a designated representative for any entity licensed by the board.

Subject to the above restrictions, respondent may continue to own or hold an interest in any licensed premises in which she holds an interest at the time this decision becomes effective unless otherwise specified in this order.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

16. Abstain from Drugs Use

Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession or use of controlled substances, dangerous drugs and their associated paraphernalia except when the drugs are lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment. Upon request of the board or its designee, respondent shall provide documentation from the licensed practitioner that the prescription for the drug was legitimately issued and is a necessary part of the treatment of the respondent. Failure to timely provide such documentation shall be considered a violation of probation. Respondent shall ensure that she is not in the same physical location as individuals who are using illicit substances even if respondent is not personally ingesting the drugs. Any possession or use of controlled substances, or their associated paraphernalia not supported by the

1	documentation timely provided, and/or any physical proximity to persons using illicit substances,					
2	shall be considered a violation of probation.					
3	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>					
4	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully					
5	discussed it with my attorney, Gregory P. Matzen. I understand the stipulation and the effect it					
6	will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary					
.7	Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order					
8	of the Board of Pharmacy.					
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10	DATED: 4/5/13 May 1					
11	MIMI NGUYEN AKA VANNAPHA PHOUIPHANITH					
12	Respondent					
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14	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Mimi Nguyen aka Vannapha Phouiphanith					
15	the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and					
16	Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.					
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18	DATED: 4/5/13					
19	Attorney for Respondent					
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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

5.1.13 Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California JANICE K. LACHMAN Supervising Deputy Attorney General

ANAHITA S. CRAWFORD Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

Statement of Issues No. 4431

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12	MIMI NGUYEN							
13	A.K.A. VANNAPHA PHOUIPHANITH 406 Washington Square STATEMENT OF ISSUES							
14	Sacramento, CA 95811							
15	Respondent.							
16	Complainant alleges:							
17	<u>PARTIES</u>							
18	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Statement of Issues solely in her official							
19	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.							
20	2. On or about May 18, 2012, the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consume							
21	Affairs received an application for a Pharmacist Examination and Licensure from Mimi Nguyen,							
22	also know as Vannapha Phouiphanith (Respondent). On or about May 16, 2012, Respondent							
23	certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and							
24	representations in the application. The Board denied the application on August 1, 2012.							
25	<u>JURISDICTION</u>							
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of							
27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All sections references are to the							
28	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.							
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PREVIOUS LICENSE HISTORY

- 4. On or about May 19, 2008, the Board received an application for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician from Respondent. On or about September 10, 2008, the Board received a second application from Respondent for Registration as an Intern Pharmacist. On or about May 15, 2008, and August 25, 2008, respectively, Respondent certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. The Board denied both applications on January 14, 2009.
- 5. On or about September 10, 2008, the Board received an application from Respondent for Registration as an Intern Pharmacist. The Board denied the application on January 14, 2009. However, pursuant to a stipulated settlement in Case No. 3369 (herein incorporated by reference), Respondent was issued an Intern Pharmacist Registration on April 19, 2010. The registration was immediately revoked. The revocation was stayed and Respondent's registration was placed on probation for five years or for the duration of her status as a Registered Intern Pharmacist, whichever terminated first.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 477 of the Code states:

As used in this division:

- (a) "Board" includes "bureau," "commission," "committee," "department," "division," "examining committee," "program," and "agency."
- (b) "License" includes certificate, registration or other means of engage in a business or profession regulated by this code.
- 7. Section 480 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
- (1) Been convicted of a crime. 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, 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.
- (2) Done any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or herself or another, or substantially injure another;

3) (A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

(B) The board may deny a license pursuant of this subdivision only if the crime or act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession fro which application is made.

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.

As used in this section, 'license' includes 'certificate,' 'permit,' 'authority,' and 'registration.'

9. Section 4301 states in relevant part, that:

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.

(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

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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.

COST RECOVERY

10. Code section 125.3 provides, 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.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL

(Conviction of Crime)

- 11. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivisions (a)(1), and 480 subdivisions (a)(3)(A) for violating of section 4301, subdivisions (l) in that on or about December 11, 2001, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People vs. Vannapha Phouiphanith* in Sacramento County Superior Court, Case Number 01F08399, Respondent was convicted on her plea of nolo contendere to Penal Code section 32 (accessory to a crime), a misdemeanor. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about October 17, 2001, Respondent was arrested for her involvement in the transportation and sale of 4000 ecstasy pills. On October 16, 2001, an undercover agent from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, made contact with a known drug dealer to set up the purchase and exchange of 4000 ecstasy pills for the purchase price of \$15,500, to be delivered on October 17, 2001.

On October 17, 2001, special agents set up surveillance at 3:30 p.m. outside a home known to agents for possible drug activity. At 6:40 p.m., agents observed Respondent leave the home with the dealer and another individual. Respondent and the dealer arrived in two separate cars at a previously determined McDonald's restaurant location. When the undercover agent approached the dealer for the purchase, the dealer indicated the drugs were with his "homey" and pointed to Respondent's car. Undercover agents walked to Respondent's car and identified the driver as Respondent and the passenger as Nguyen Tran. Tran was holding the pills in his lap wrapped in a grocery bag.

Further investigation revealed that Tran lived at the apartment under surveillance, and during a search, agents located over a thousand pills on the entertainment center shelf and in the night stands in Tran's bedroom. Tran was Respondent's boyfriend, and Respondent had keys to his home.

b. On or about December 11, 2001, Respondent was sentenced to 3 years informal probation, 90 days jail and \$100 restitution fine.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL

(Act Involving Moral Turpitude)

12. Respondent's application is subject to denial under Code section 4301, subdivisions (f) in that Respondent committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, as set forth in subparagraph 11(a).

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:

- 1. Denying the application of Mimi Nguyen also know as Vannapha Phouiphanith for a Pharmacist Examination and Licensure and,
- 2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 3/1/13

VIRGINIA HEROLD
Executive Officer

Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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