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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 4924

RAMIRO CHRISTOPHER NAVA

20 Canterbury Court Brentwood, CA 94513

Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 37457

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

This decision shall become effective on May 28, 2014.

It is so ORDERED on May 21, 2014.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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12	20 Canterbury Court Brentwood, CA 94513	DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
13	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 37457		
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16	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settler	ment of this matter, consistent with the public	
17	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs,		
18 .	the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order which wil		
19	be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the Accusation.		
20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant), Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, brought this		
22	action in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney		
23	General of the State of California, by Joshua A. Room, Supervising Deputy Attorney General.		
24	2. Respondent Ramiro Christopher Nava	("Respondent") is representing himself in this	
25	proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.		
26	3. On or about May 3, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		
27	License No. TCH 37457 to Respondent. The License was in full force and effect at all times		
28	relevant to the charges herein and will expire on February 28, 2015, unless renewed.		

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 4924 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 March 4, 2014.

Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 4924 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4924. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his 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 his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his 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.

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 4924. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacy Technician License is subject to discipline and agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

9. 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. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 37457, issued to Ramiro Christopher Nava (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. Certification Prior to Resuming Work

Respondent shall be automatically suspended from working as a pharmacy technician until he is certified as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4202(a)(4) and provides satisfactory proof of certification to the board. Respondent shall not resume working as a pharmacy technician until notified by the board. Failure to achieve certification within one (1) year shall be considered a violation of probation.

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

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

2. 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 pharmacy technician 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 any such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

3. 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.

4. 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 at two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

5. 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 his probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

6. Notice to Employers

During probation, respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 4924 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed, 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 his 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 4924 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the board.

If respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent must notify his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge and owner at every pharmacy of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 4924 in advance of commencing work at each pharmacy. 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 his direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that he or she has read the decision in case number 4924 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that his 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 employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgements 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 or relief service or pharmacy management service as a pharmacy technician or in any position for which a pharmacy technician license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the respondent is considered an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

7. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current pharmacy technician 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 pharmacy technician 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.

8. Notification of a Change in Employment, Name, Address, or Phone

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, name, address, or phone number shall be considered a violation of probation.

9. No Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board. Respondent shall sell or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the board within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

10. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent shall pay to the board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$2,105.00. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board or its designee, so long as full payment is made within fifty-four (54) months of the effective date of this decision. There is to be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of his responsibility to reimburse the board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

11. 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.

12. Work Site Monitor

Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall identify a work site monitor, for prior approval by the board, who shall be responsible for supervising respondent during working hours. Respondent shall be responsible for ensuring that the work site monitor reports in writing to the board quarterly. Should the designated work site monitor determine at any time during the probationary period that respondent has not maintained sobriety, he shall notify the board immediately, either orally or in writing as directed. Should respondent change employment, a new work site monitor must be designated, for prior approval by the board, within ten (10) days of commencing new employment. Failure to identify an acceptable initial or replacement work site monitor, or to ensure quarterly reports are submitted to the board, shall be considered a violation of probation.

13. Notification of Departure

Prior to leaving the probationary geographic area designated by the board or its designee for a period greater than twenty-four (24) hours, respondent shall notify the board verbally and in writing of the dates of departure and return. Failure to comply with this provision shall be considered a violation of probation.

14. Employment Requirement: Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacy technician in California for a minimum of ten (10) 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 working as a pharmacy technician for a minimum of ten (10) hours per calendar month in California, respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of cessation of work and must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of the work. 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 work" means a calendar month during which respondent is not working for at least ten (10) hours as a pharmacy technician, as defined in Business and Professions Code section 4115. "Resumption of work" means any calendar month during which respondent is working for at least ten (10) hours as a pharmacy technician as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4115.

15. Attend Substance Abuse Recovery Relapse Prevention and Support Groups

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall begin regular attendance at a recognized and established substance abuse recovery support group in California, (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.) that has been approved by the board or its designee, attending at least one group meeting per week unless otherwise directed by the board or its designee. Respondent shall continue regular attendance and submit signed and dated documentation confirming attendance with each quarterly report for the duration of probation. Failure to attend or submit documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

16. Prescription Coordination and Monitoring of Prescription Use

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the board, for its prior approval, the name and qualifications of a single physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or psychiatrist of respondent's choice, who shall be aware of the respondent's history with the use of alcohol and who will coordinate and monitor any prescriptions for respondent for dangerous drugs, controlled substances or mood-altering drugs. The approved practitioner shall be provided with a copy of the board's Accusation and decision.

A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request. Respondent shall sign a release authorizing the practitioner to communicate with the board about respondent's treatment(s). The coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or psychiatrist shall report to the board on a quarterly basis for the duration of probation regarding respondent's compliance with this condition. If any substances considered addictive have been prescribed, the report shall identify a program for the time limited use of any such substances.

The board may require that the single coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or psychiatrist be a specialist in addictive medicine, or consult a specialist in addictive medicine. Should respondent, for any reason, cease supervision by the approved practitioner, respondent shall notify the board immediately and, within thirty (30) days of ceasing, submit the name of a replacement physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or psychiatrist of respondent's choice to the board or its designee for its prior approval. Failure to timely submit the selected practitioner or replacement practitioner to the board for approval, or to ensure the required reporting thereby on the quarterly reports, shall be considered a violation of probation.

If at any time an approved practitioner determines that respondent is unable to practice safely or independently as a pharmacy technician, the practitioner shall notify the board immediately by telephone and follow up by written letter within three (3) working days. Upon notification by the board or its designee of this determination, respondent shall be automatically suspended and shall not resume practice until notified by the board that practice may be resumed.

During any such suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of or any other board licensed premises (wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs) any drug manufacturer, or any other location where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding or dispensing; nor shall respondent manage, administer, or assist any licensee of the board. Respondent shall not direct, control or perform any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent shall not have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume work until notified by the board.

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

17. Abstain from Drugs and Alcohol Use

Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession or use of alcohol, 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 he 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 alcohol, controlled substances, or their associated paraphernalia not supported by the documentation timely provided, and/or any physical proximity to persons using illicit substances, shall be considered a violation of probation.

18. Random Drug Screening

Respondent, at his 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 alcohol or 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 respondent's automatic suspension.

Respondent may not resume work as a pharmacy technician until notified by the board in writing.

During any such suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of or any other board licensed premises (wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs) any drug manufacturer, or any other location where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding or dispensing; nor shall respondent manage, administer, or assist any licensee of the board. Respondent shall not direct, control or perform any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent shall not have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume work until notified by the board.

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

19. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent cease work due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may tender his pharmacy technician 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. 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 his pharmacy technician license to the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license, permit, or registration 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.

20. Violation of Probation

If 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.

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.

21. Completion of Probation

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

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 4-20-14

RAMIRO CHRISTOPHER NAVA Respondent

ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy. Dated: 4/29/2014 Respectfully submitted, KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California FRANK H. PACOE Supervising Deputy Attorney General JOSHUA A. ROOM Supervising Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SF2013405687 40943134.doc

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 4924

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13	Brentwood, CA 94513	ACCUSATION	
14	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 37457		
15	Respondent.		
16	Complainant alleges:		
17	<u>PARTIES</u>		
18	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity		
19	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
20	2. On or about May 3, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		
21	License No. TCH 37457 to Ramiro Christopher Nava (Respondent). The License was in force		
22	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 28,		
23	2015, unless renewed.		
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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 section references are to the		
28	Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.		
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- 4. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].
- 5. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 6. Section 4300.1 of the Code provides that the expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a Board-issued license, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee, shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 7. Section 4301 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of "unprofessional conduct," defined to include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
- (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.
- (k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.
- (l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter.
- 8. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the license.

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by her license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

COST RECOVERY

10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime(s))

- 11. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(l) and/or section 490 of the Code, by reference to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, for the conviction of substantially related crime(s), in that on or about December 4, 2006, in the criminal case *People v. Ramiro Christopher Nava*, Case No. 04-150677-3 in Contra Costa County Superior Court, Respondent was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b) (Driving with Blood Alcohol of 0.08% or Higher), a misdemeanor. The conviction was entered as follows:
- a. On or about September 7, 2006, in *People v. Ramiro Christopher Nava*, Case No. 04-150677-3 in Contra Costa County Superior Court, based on an incident that was alleged to have taken place on or about April 14, 2006, Respondent was charged by Misdemeanor Complaint with violating (1) Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a) (Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs), a misdemeanor; and (2) Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) (Driving With Blood Alcohol of 0.08% or Higher), a misdemeanor.

b. On or about December 4, 2006, Respondent entered a no contest plea and was found guilty of Count 2 (violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b)). Count 1 was dismissed pursuant to the plea. Imposition of sentence was suspended in favor of a period of court probation of three (3) years, on terms and conditions including two (2) days in jail, fines and fees, and completion of a Level 1 First Offender Drinking Driver Program.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime(s))

- 12. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(1) and/or section 490 of the Code, by reference to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, for the conviction of substantially related crime(s), in that on or about October 17, 2013, in the criminal case *People v. Ramiro Christopher Nava*, Case No. 04-177034-6 in Contra Costa County Superior Court, Respondent was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(a) (Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs), a misdemeanor. The conviction was entered as follows:
- a. On or about August 1, 2013, in *People v. Ramiro Christopher Nava*, Case No. 04-177034-6 in Contra Costa County Superior Court, based on an incident that was alleged to have taken place on or about January 12, 2013, Respondent was charged by Misdemeanor Complaint under (1) Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a) (Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs), a misdemeanor, with a special allegation that he had been convicted of a prior offense under Vehicle Code section 23152, in 2006 (as described above), with a special allegation pursuant to Vehicle Code section 23578 that in the commission of this offense Respondent had a blood alcohol content of 0.15% or more, and with a further special allegation pursuant to Vehicle Code sections 23538(b)(2) and 23556(b)(4) that in the commission of this offense Respondent had a blood alcohol content of 0.20% or more; and (2) Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) (Driving With Blood Alcohol of 0.08% or Higher), a misdemeanor, with the same three special allegations as were made with regard to the first count of the Misdemeanor Complaint.

b. On or about October 17, 2013, Respondent entered a no contest plea and was found guilty of Count 1 (violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a)). He admitted to the special allegation of the prior (2006) conviction. Count 2 and all other special allegations were dismissed pursuant to the plea. Imposition of sentence was suspended in favor of a period of court probation of four (4) years, on terms and conditions including thirty (30) days in jail, search conditions, alcohol testing as required by Court Probation Officer(s), fines and fees, and completion of a Post-Conviction Drinking Driver's Program.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dangerous or Injurious Use of Alcohol)

13. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(h) of the Code, in that, as described in paragraphs 11 and 12, Respondent used alcohol in a dangerous or injurious manner.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Crimes Involving Use of Alcohol)

14. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(k) of the Code, in that, as described in paragraphs 11 and 12, Respondent was convicted of crimes involving use of alcohol.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

15. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that, as described in paragraphs 11 to 14, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct.

<u>PRAYER</u>

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 37457, issued to Ramiro Christopher Nava (Respondent);
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board 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 is deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 2 19/14

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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