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

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against:

FARMACIA FAMILIAR, FKA BRISTOL FAMILY PHARMACY; ABDUL KAREEM JAWAD, PRESIDENT 1126 South Bristol Street Santa Ana, CA 92704

Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 50205

and

ABDUL KAREEM JAWAD 801-B Baker Street Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Pharmacist License No. RPH 45101

Respondents.

Case No. 4930

OAH No. 2014051292

STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER AS TO FARMACIA FAMILIAR ONLY

#### DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and 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, 2015.

It is so ORDERED on July 22, 2015.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

AMARYLIS GUTIERREZ
Board President

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21	Respondents.	
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23	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AG	REED by and between the parties to the above-
24	entitled proceedings that the following matters a	re true:
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26	1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") is	the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.
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- D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Marichelle S. Tahimic, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Respondents Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy, Abdul Kareem Jawad, President and Abdul Kareem Jawad ("Respondents") are represented in this proceeding by attorney John Cronin, whose address is: 5720 Oberlin Drive, San Diego, CA 92121-1723,
- 3. On or about December 21, 2012, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 50205 to Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy, Abdul Kareem Jawad, President (Respondent). The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4930 and will expire on April 1, 2016, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about March 18, 1992, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No. RPH 45101 to Abdul Kareem Jawad, President (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4930 and will expire on December 31, 2015, unless renewed.

#### <u>JURISDICTION</u>

- 5. First Amended Accusation No. 4930 was filed by the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, on May 11, 2015 and served on Respondents on May 14, 2015 and is currently pending against Respondents. Accusation No. 4930 was filed before the Board on April 5, 2014. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on April 24, 2014. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 6. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 4930 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

7. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 4930. Respondents have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

- 8. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their 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.
- 9. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 10. Respondents understand and agree that the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 4930, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 50205 and Pharmacist License No. RPH 45101.
- 2. For the purpose of resolving the First Amended Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondents agree that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the First Amended Accusation, and that Respondents hereby gives up their right to contest those charges.
- 11. Respondent Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy, Abdul Kareem Jawad, President, agrees that its Pharmacy Permit is subject to discipline and understands that by signing this stipulation it enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 50205 without further process.
- 12. Respondent Abdul Kareem Jawad agrees that his Pharmacist License No. RPH 45101 is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

13. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondents understand and agree 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 its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw their 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.

- 14. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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:

## DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 50205 issued to Respondent Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy, Abdul Kareem Jawad, President, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy. The surrender of Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 50205 is stayed thirty (30) days from the effective date of the Decision, at which time the pharmacy shall be sold or closed.

1. In the event that Respondent Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy is sold, or there is a change in ownership, and an application for a new permit is submitted to the Board, the Board shall expedite the processing of that application.

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- 2. In the event the new owner of Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy continues to operate the pharmacy as "Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy," a new Pharmacist-in-Charge shall be selected for Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy and a "Change in Pharmacist-in-Charge" (Form 17A-14) shall be submitted to the Board for approval on or before thirty (30) days from the effective date of the Decision.
- 3. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Permit PHY 50205 and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board of Pharmacy.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 45101 issued to Respondent Abdul Kareem Jawad (Respondent Jawad) is revoked in First Amended Accusation No. 4930 and First Amended Accusation 4661. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent Jawad is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions for First Amended Accusation No. 4930 and First Amended Accusation No. 4661.

## 1. Suspension

As part of probation, respondent is suspended from the practice of pharmacy until he provides proof of completion of either of the following: (1) a minimum 6-hour continuing education course on the topic of corresponding responsibility presented by the Drug Enforcement Agency; or, (2) a minimum 6-hour, in-person, pre-approved, continuing education course on the topic of corresponding responsibility.

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 devices or controlled substances.

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 they 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.

## 2. Obey All Laws

Respondent Jawad shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent Jawad 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.

#### 3. Report to the Board

Respondent Jawad 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 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.

## 5. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent Jawad 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 their probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

## 6. Continuing Education

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

#### 7. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, respondent Jawad shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 4930 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 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 4930, and terms and conditions imposed

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thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that their 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 their 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 4930 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 their direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that they has read the decision in case number 4930 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that their 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.

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 Jawad 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.

## 9. Reimbursement of Board Costs

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Respondents Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy and Abdul Kareem Jawad, shall pay to the board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$15,000.00. Respondents may pay these costs in a payment program acceptable to the Board. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of these costs.

There shall be no deviation from the payment 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 their responsibility to reimburse the board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

## 10. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent Jawad 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.

#### 11. Status of License

Respondent Jawad 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.

#### 12. 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 their 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 their 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.

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

Respondent Jawad 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.

## 14. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, Respondent Jawad 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.

#### 15. 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.

#### 16. Completion of Probation

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

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#### 17. Remedial Education

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, an appropriate program of remedial education related to the appropriate use of controlled substances for pain management or corresponding responsibility. The program of remedial education shall consist of at least six (6) hours per year, at least 50% of which shall be in person, for each year of the five (5) years of probation, and shall be completed at Respondent Jawad's own expense. All remedial education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward, continuing education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes.

Failure to timely submit or complete the approved remedial education shall be considered a violation of probation. The period of probation will be automatically extended until such remedial education is successfully completed and written proof, in a form acceptable to the board, is provided to the board or its designee.

Following the completion of each course, the board or its designee may require the respondent, at their own expense, to take an approved examination to test the respondent's knowledge of the course. If the respondent does not achieve a passing score on the examination, this failure shall be considered a violation of probation. Any such examination failure shall require respondent to take another course approved by the board in the same subject area.

## 18. Supervised Practice

During the period of probation, respondent shall practice only under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist not on probation with the board. Upon and after the effective date of this decision, respondent shall not practice pharmacy and their license shall be automatically suspended until a supervisor is approved by the board or its designee. The supervision shall be, as required by the board or its designee, either:

Continuous – At least 75% of a work week

Substantial - At least 50% of a work week

Partial - At least 25% of a work week

Daily Review - Supervisor's review of probationer's daily activities within 24 hours Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall have their

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supervisor submit notification to the board in writing stating that the supervisor has read the decision in case number 4930 and is familiar with the required level of supervision as determined by the board or its designee. It shall be the respondent's responsibility to ensure that their employer(s), pharmacist-in-charge and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the board. Failure to cause the direct supervisor and the pharmacist-in-charge to submit timely acknowledgements to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

If respondent changes employment, it shall be the respondent's responsibility to ensure that their employer(s), pharmacist-in-charge and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the board. Respondent shall have their new supervisor, within fifteen (15) days after employment commences, submit notification to the board in writing stating the direct supervisor and pharmacist-in-charge have read the decision in case number 4930 and is familiar with the level of supervision as determined by the board. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy and their license shall be automatically suspended until the board or its designee approves a new supervisor. Failure to cause the direct supervisor and the pharmacist-in-charge to submit timely acknowledgements to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

Within ten (10) days of leaving employment, respondent shall notify 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.

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Subject to the above restrictions, respondent may continue to own or hold an interest in any licensed premises in which they 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.

## 19. No Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent Jawad 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 thirty (30) 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.

Respondent shall not acquire any new ownership, legal or beneficial interest nor serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any additional business, firm, partnership, or corporation licensed by the board.

#### 20. Ethics Course

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall enroll in a course in ethics, at respondent's expense, approved in advance by the board or its designee. Failure to initiate the course during the first year of probation, and complete it within the second year of probation, is a violation of probation.

Respondent shall submit a certificate of completion to the board or its designee within five days after completing the course.

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## ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, John Cronin. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Permit, and Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the

> as an individual and as the President and authorized agent on behalf of FARMACIA FAMILIAR, FKA BRISTOL FAMILY PHARMACY Respondents

I have read and fully discussed with Respondents Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy and Abdul Kareem Jawad, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. Lapprove its form and content.

> JOHN CRONIN Attorney for Respondents

#### **ENDORSEMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California JAMES M. LEDAKIS Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 4930

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21	Respondents.	
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23	Complainant alleges:	
24	PAR	TIES
25	Virginia Herold (Complainant) bring	s this First Amended Accusation solely in her
26	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the	Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer
27	Affairs.	
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First Amended Accusation

- 2. On or about April 21, 2010, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 to Ace4Q, Inc., Abdul Kareem Jawad, President and Pharmacist-In-Charge, doing business as Bristol Family Pharmacy (Respondents). On or about December 21, 2012, Ace4Q filed a change of tradestyle name to do business as Farmacia Familiar. The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 1, 2016, unless renewed.
- 3. On March 18, 1992, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 45101 to Respondent Abdul Kareem Jawad. The Original Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2015, unless renewed.

#### JURISDICTION

- 4. 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.
  - 5. Section 4300 of the Code states:
    - (a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
    - (b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods:
      - (1) Suspending judgment:
      - (2) Placing him or her upon probation.
      - (3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.
      - (4) Revoking his or her license.
      - (5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its discretion may deem proper.
    - (e) The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein. The action shall be final, except that the propriety of the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

#### 6. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

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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 AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

#### 7. 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:

- (c) Gross negligence.
- (d) The clearly excessive furnishing of controlled substances in violation of subdivision (a) of Section 11153 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (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.
- (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.

#### 8. Section 4307 states:

(a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee as follows:

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(1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is

12. Title 16, CCR, section 1764 states:

No pharmacist shall exhibit, discuss, or reveal the contents of any prescription, the therapeutic effect thereof, the nature, extent, or degree of illness suffered by any patient or any medical information furnished by the prescriber with any person other than the patient or his or her authorized representative, the prescriber or other licensed practitioner then caring for the patient, another licensed pharmacist serving the patient, or a person duly authorized by law to receive such information

- 13. Civil Code section 56.10 states in part:
  - (a) No provider of health care, health care service plan, or contractor shall disclose medical information regarding a patient of the provider of health care or an enrollee or subscriber of a health care service plan without first obtaining an authorization, except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c).

#### COST RECOVERY

14. 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.

#### DRUGS

- 15. <u>Alprazolam</u>, sold under the brand name Xanax, is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(1), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Alprazolam tablets are indicated for the management of anxiety disorder or the short-term relief of symptoms of anxiety.
- 16. Hydrocodone bitartate/acetaminophen, also known by the brand names Vicodin,
  Norco, among others, is a narcotic Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and
  Safety Code section 11056(e)(4), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions
  Code section 4022. Hydrocodone is used as a narcotic analgesic in the relief of pain
- 17. Oxycodone, sold under the brand names Oxycontin or OxyIR, is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(M), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Oxycodone is a narcotic analgesic.

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On or about October 6, 2011, Board Inspector K.S. conducted an inspection of Bristol Family Pharmacy (hereinafter "Bristol Pharmacy). During the inspection, K.S. discovered the pharmacy filled a disproportionately high number of controlled substance prescriptions, in particular prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg. Most of these prescriptions were written by Dr. J.G., Dr. R.L. and Dr. B.O.

- On or about November 28, 2012, Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (hereinafter "CURES") reports were generated regarding Bristol Pharmacy's dispensing history for controlled substances from December 1, 2010 to November 28, 2012. The CURES reports showed that during this period, Bristol Pharmacy filled 4,156 controlled substance prescriptions. Oxycodone 30 mg was the most dispensed controlled substance by Bristol Pharmacy and accounted for 24.37% of all of its controlled substance prescriptions. Alprazolam 2 mg was the second most dispensed controlled substance accounting for 12.27%. Twice as many oxycodone 30 mg prescriptions were filled over alprazolam, the second most dispensed controlled substance. Approximately 64% of Bristol Pharmacy's controlled substance prescriptions were paid for by cash.
- 20. CURES data for five randomly selected pharmacies near Bristol Pharmacy were reviewed. Two of the pharmacies were chain pharmacies and three were independent pharmacies. In comparison, Bristol Pharmacy was the only pharmacy with oxycodone 30 mg as the most dispensed controlled substance. Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500 was the most dispensed controlled substance among all the other five pharmacies. Oxycodone 30 mg was the third most dispensed controlled substance by Farmacia Bristol Pharmacy at 6.11% of the total number of controlled substance prescriptions filled, as compared with Bristol Pharmacy where oxycodone 30 mg accounted for 24.37% of controlled substance prescriptions filled.
- 21. On or about December 18, 2012, Board Inspector A.Y. conducted an inspection of Bristol Pharmacy, which did business as Pharmacia Familiar after December 21, 2012. A.Y. found discarded documents that contained confidential patient information in tied trash bags in

the shopping center's shared trash dumpster. The documents containing confidential patient information were not shredded or redacted prior to disposal to ensure confidentiality.

- During the inspection, A.Y. selected and obtained prescription profiles and original prescriptions for 35 patients and Physician Dispensing Reports for five doctors, Doctors J.G., R.L., B.O., R.S. and V.S. Doctors J.G., R.L. and B.O. worked out of the same location in Reseda. This location was more than 50 miles from Bristol Pharmacy. The estimated travel time from the medical office to Bristol Pharmacy exceeded one hour without traffic. The Reseda office was operated by A.D., who was convicted of illegally distributing oxycodone in September, 2012. A.D. admitted that she and her husband operated four clinics where people purchased oxycodone prescriptions for cash following a medical exam. Cappers then brought the individual to a pharmacy to fill the prescriptions. Once filled, the drugs were brought back to A.D.'s clinic to be sold to a dealer for later sale on the street.
- 23. On January 7, 2013, A.Y. sent a letter to the 35 patients advising that the Board was conducting an investigation of Bristol Pharmacy and that the pharmacy's records showed the patient filled a prescription at Bristol Pharmacy. All 35 patients paid cash for their prescriptions. The letter requested each patient to contact A.Y. Of the 35 letters sent, 16 letters were returned as undeliverable because the addressee was not known, or because of an insufficient or non-existent address.
- 24. Three of the 35 patients responded to A.Y.'s letter, they were K.P, L.B. and P.O. On January 17, 2013, a questionnaire was sent to these three patients asking them if they were patients of Bristol Pharmacy, if they were under the care of the prescribers listed on the pharmacy profile, if they received the medication identified in the profile, and if they were consulted by the pharmacist for their medications. Two of the 35 patients, K.P. and L.B, completed and returned the questionnaires and confirmed they were patients of Bristol Pharmacy, the name of their prescriber and receipt of their medication from the pharmacy.
- 25. CURES data for the prescribing histories of Doctors J.G., R.L. and B.O. were obtained for the period December 1, 2010 through November 28, 2012. Doctor J.G. wrote a total of 7,721 controlled substance prescriptions. Dr. J.G.'s most prescribed drug was oxycodone 30

mg, which accounted for 52.42% of all prescriptions written by him. About 83% of Dr. J.G.'s prescriptions were paid for in cash. Among the 609 pharmacies that dispensed Dr. J.G.'s controlled substance prescriptions, Bristol Pharmacy dispensed the fourth highest amount of Dr. J.G.'s controlled substance prescriptions.

- 26. Doctor R.L. wrote 9,886 controlled substance prescriptions; the most prescribed drug was oxycodone 30 mg, which accounted for 58.78% of all prescriptions written by Dr. R.L. About 78.96% of Dr. R.L.'s prescriptions were paid for in cash.
- 27. Doctor B.O. wrote 8,459 controlled substance prescriptions; the most prescribed drug was oxycodone 30 mg, which accounted for 41.97% of all prescriptions written by Dr. B.O. About 73.71% of Dr. J.G.'s prescriptions were paid for in cash.
- 28. The prescribing histories of Doctors J.G., R.L. and B.O. revealed a suspicious pattern of prescribing oxycodone 30 mg, which coupled with high diversion rate and abuse potential of oxycodone 30 mg, should have raised a red flag as to the legitimacy of the medical necessity for issuing these prescriptions.
- 29. Between December 1, 2010 and December 31, 2011, Bristol Pharmacy dispensed 1,508 controlled substance prescriptions. Dr. J.G. was the top prescriber for controlled substance prescriptions dispensed by Bristol Pharmacy. Dr. J.G.'s prescriptions made up 24.80% (or 374 prescriptions of 1,508 prescriptions) of all controlled substance prescriptions. Doctors B.O. and R.L. were the third and fifth highest controlled substance prescribers, respectively. Prescriptions by these three doctors constituted 35.28% (532 prescriptions out of 1,508 prescriptions) of all controlled substance prescriptions dispensed by Bristol Pharmacy.
- 30. Oxycodone 30 mg was the most dispensed controlled substance by Bristol Pharmacy from the period December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. It accounted for 34.75% of all controlled substance prescriptions filled. Bristol Pharmacy dispensed almost three times as many oxycodone 30 mg prescriptions than APAP/codeine, the second most dispensed drug by Bristol Pharmacy. Almost 76% of Bristol Pharmacy's controlled substance prescriptions were paid for in cash and all of the controlled substance prescriptions written by Doctors J.G., R.L. and B.O. were paid for in cash. When compared with the five nearby pharmacies, Bristol Pharmacy had the

highest percentage of cash-paying customers for all controlled substance prescriptions at 63.64%, followed by 49.78% at Farmacia Bristol and 27.55% at Bristol Medical Pharmacy, from December 1, 2010 through November 28, 2012.

31. Almost all of the prescriptions written by Doctors J.G, R.L. and B.O. and dispensed by Bristol Pharmacy were for controlled substances:

Prescriber	Total # of all RXs	# of controlled substance RXs	# of non- controlled substance RXs	% of controlled substance RXs
Dr. J.G.	394	'394	0	100%
Dr. R.L.	68	67	. 1	99%
Dr. B.O.	110	109	1	99%

32. Summaries of the prescribing history of Doctors J.G., R.L. and B.O. for prescriptions dispensed at Bristol Pharmacy are set forth below:

Prescribing History of Dr. J.G. 12/1/10-12/31/14 to for prescriptions filled at Bristol Pharmacy.		
Drug	# of RXs	% of all RXs
Oxycodone 30 mg	340	86.29%
Promethazine/Codeine	24	6.09%
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325	23	5.84%
Alprazolam 2 mg	. 5	1.27%
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/500	2	0.51%
TOTAL	394	100.00%

Prescribing History of Dr. R.L. 12/1/10-12/31/14 for prescriptions filled at Bristol Pharmacy	British Angeles	
Drug .	# of RXs	% of all RXs
Oxycodone 30 mg	57	83.82%
. Alprazolam 2 mg	3	. 4.41%
Promethazine/Codeine	3	4.41%
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325	2	2.94%
Oxycontin 30 mg	1	1.47%
Amphetamine 30 mg	1	1.47%
Ibuprofen 800 mg	1	1.47%
TOTAL	68	100.00%

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Drug		# of RXs	% of all RX
Oxycodone 30 mg		44	40.00%
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325		30	27.27%
Alprazolam 2 mg	,	19	17.27%
Promethazine/Codeine		13	11.82%
Promethazine VC/Codeine		2 .	1.82%
Promethazine/DM		1	0.91%
Norco		1	0.91%
	ΓΟΤΑL	110	100.00%

- 33. Further review of the pharmacy's CURES data revealed that Dr. J.G. prescribed more controlled substance prescriptions than Doctors R.L. and B.O. Based on data from CURES, A.Y. selected the 25 patients with the most prescriptions written by Dr. J.G. for review.
- 34. CURES data and patient profiles for 25 of Dr. J.G.'s patients showed that 17 of the 25 patients resided outside of Bristol Pharmacy's normal trading area and that 15 of the 25 patients resided at least 25 miles from Bristol Pharmacy and resided an average of 37 miles from Dr. J.G. The distance between Bristol Pharmacy and Dr. J.G. was 55 miles.
- 35. Of the 25 patients, 22 received only controlled substance medications from Bristol Pharmacy and no other medications; 21 of the 25 patients received only oxycodone 30 mg from Bristol Pharmacy. Dr. J.G. wrote a total of 138 prescriptions for these 25 patients and all of these prescriptions were for oxycodone 30 mg. These patients received prescriptions for the same drug, strength, directions and quantities rather than receiving individualized therapy: 92.75% (128 of 138 prescriptions written by Dr. J.G.) of controlled substance prescriptions written for the 25 patients selected was for oxycodone 30 mg, #240: 2 tablets four times daily.
- 36. All of these 25 patients paid cash for oxycodone 30 mg. The patients initially paid \$240 for 240 tablets of oxycodone 30 mg. In mid-2011, the cash price increased to \$350 for 240 tablets of oxycodone 30 mg. Bristol Pharmacy's cost for oxycodone 30 mg ranged from \$0.30 to \$0.37 per tablet, leading to a profit of about \$168 per \$261 for each prescription.
- 37. A review of the CURES data showing the prescription history for these 25 patients showed that they filled a total of 344 prescriptions written by various prescribers with 67.44% of the prescriptions issued by Dr. J.G. About 74% of these prescriptions were for oxycodone 30 mg

and about 81% were paid for in cash. Many of these patients were receiving controlled substance prescriptions from several other physicians and filling them at other pharmacies. Narcotic narve patients were prescribed oxycodone 30 mg, which is a highly potent medication, without previous exposure to other analgesics and/or titrating the medication to the appropriate dose for the patient. In addition, some patients abruptly discontinued their medication.

- 38. The CURES data indicated six patients (M.H., Y.I. R.J. R.M., J.N. and M.W.) exhibited signs of pharmacy shopping in order to obtain early refills of their medication during the time they were obtaining prescriptions from Bristol Pharmacy.
- a. M.H. -M.H. alternated filling prescriptions between Bristol Pharmacy and two other pharmacies. During the period January 10, 2011 through August 26, 2011 (228 days), M.H. obtained a 660-day supply of oxycodone 30 mg between these three pharmacies, paid cash at all three pharmacies and filled only oxycodone 30 mg.
- b. Y.I. From January 13, 2011 through July 19, 2011, Y.I. obtained eight prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg, of which 6 were dispensed by Bristol Pharmacy. Y.I. alternated between Bristol Pharmacy and one other pharmacy. Y.I. paid cash for all oxycodone 30 mg prescriptions filled at Bristol Pharmacy and the other pharmacy. During this six month period (187 days), Y.I. obtained a 270-day supply of oxycodone 30 mg between the two pharmacies. Y.I. also obtained hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750 from two other pharmacies for prescriptions written by another prescriber.
- c. **R.J.** From December 3, 2010 through August 11, 2011, R.J. obtained 14 prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg, 7 of which were dispensed by Bristol Pharmacy. R.J. alternated between Bristol Pharmacy and two other pharmacies and paid in cash. All prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg were issued by Dr. J.G. During this eight month period (251 days), R.J. obtained a 510 day supply of oxycodone 30 mg between the three pharmacies.
- d. R.M. From February 2; 2011 through May 12, 2011, R.M. obtained six prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg from Bristol Pharmacy and one other pharmacy and paid in cash. All of the prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg were issued by Dr. J.G. During this three

month period (99 days), R.M. obtained a 180-day supply of oxycodone 30 mg between the two pharmacies.

- e. J.N. From January 25, 2011 through December 9, 2011, J.N. obtained 29 prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg, of which 7 were dispensed at Bristol Pharmacy. J.N. alternated between ten pharmacies during this time frame and paid in cash for 23 of the 29 prescriptions. Dr. J.G. issued 27 of the 29 oxycodone 30 mg prescriptions. During the eleven month period (318 days), J.N. obtained a 910-day supply of oxycodone 30 mg between the ten pharmacies.
- f. M.W. From January 5, 2011 through December 2, 2011, M.W. obtained 31 prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg, of which 9 were dispensed at Bristol Pharmacy. M.W. alternated between ten pharmacies during this time frame and paid in cash for 24 of the 31 prescriptions. Dr. J.G. issued 23 of the 31 oxycodone 30 mg prescriptions. During the eleven month period (318 days), J.N. obtained a 910-day supply of oxycodone 30 mg between the ten pharmacies.
- 39. All of the prescriptions written by Doctors J.G., R.L. and B.O. for oxycodone 30 mg were reviewed. There were a total of 273 prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg written by these three doctors from December 21, 2010 through August 10, 2011 and dispensed by Bristol Pharmacy as follows:

	# of oxycodone 30 mg prescriptions written
Dr. J.G.	211
Dr. R.L.	30
Dr. B.O.	32
TOTAL	273

All of these prescriptions were dispensed by Respondent Jawad.

40. Only 34 of the 273 prescriptions, or 12.45%, contained some type of documentation of patient identification or verification of prescription or diagnosis: 21 prescriptions had patient identification written on the original prescription; 12 prescriptions had documentation of verbal

verification of the prescription; and, 7 prescriptions contained documentation of the patient's diagnosis.

- 41. All of the 273 prescriptions were for the same drug (oxycodone 30 mg), dosage and quantity. These prescriptions had similar directions for use by all three physicians rather than an individualized therapy. The method of payment was cash for 220 prescriptions, the method of payment could not be determined for the remainder.
- 42. Several of the 273 prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg were filled on dates that preceded the dates the prescriptions were written:

Patient	RX #	Date written	Date filled	RPH	Prescriber
D.O	5954	2/21/11	1/25/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.
S.B.	5956	2/21/11	1/25/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.
J.N.	6307	3/14/11	2/22/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.
M.G.	6309	3/21/11	2/22/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.
L.M.	6306	3/23/11	. 2/22/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.
L.B.	6310	3/23/11	- 2/22/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.
S.P.	6476	4/4/11	3/5/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.
T.H.	6930	5/12/11	1/13/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.
Y.L.	6931	5/12/11	1/13/11	PIC Jawad	Dr. J.G.

43. Many patients had prescriptions written by Dr. J.G. that bore the same date that were almost consecutively dispensed by Bristol Pharmacy, which was almost 50 miles away.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### AS TO BRISTOL FAMILY PHARMACY AND ABDUL JAWAD

(Failure to Comply with Corresponding Responsibility

## for Legitimate Controlled Substance Prescriptions)

44. Respondents Bristol Family Pharmacy and Abdul Jawad are subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (j), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11153, subdivision (a), for unprofessional conduct in that Respondents failed to comply with their corresponding responsibility to ensure that controlled substances are dispensed for a legitimate medical purpose when, from the period December 21, 2010 to on or about August 23, 2011, Respondents failed to evaluate the totality of the circumstances (information from the patient, physician and other sources) to determine the prescription's legitimate medical purpose in

light of information showing that prescriptions for controlled substances were filled early, there was duplication of therapy, the same drug combinations were repeatedly prescribed for multiple patients by the same prescriber, numerous patients had addresses outside of Bristol Pharmacy's normal trade area, and certain prescribers wrote a disproportionate number of prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg, among other things, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 17-42 above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## AS TO BRISTOL FAMILY PHARMACY AND ABDUL JAWAD

## (Dispensing Postdated Controlled Substance Prescriptions)

45. Respondents Bristol Family Pharmacy and Abdul Jawad are subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (o), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11172 for unprofessional conduct in that Respondents dispensed controlled substances prior to the dates the prescriptions were written, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 17-42 above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

## THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## AS TO BRISTOL FAMILY PHARMACY AND ABDUL JAWAD

## (Unauthorized Disclosure of Prescriptions)

46. Respondents Bristol Family Pharmacy and Abdul Jawad are subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (o), in conjunction with title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1764 and Code section 4301, subdivision (j), in conjunction with Civil Code section 56.10(a) for unprofessional conduct. Respondents exhibited, revealed or disclosed the contents of prescriptions and/or medical information, without the patient's authorization, to persons other than the patient or his authorized representative. Respondents discarded confidential patient information into the shopping center's trash dumpster without first shredding or redacting patient specific information, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 17-42 above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

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## FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## AS TO BRISTOL FAMILY PHARMACY AND ABDUL JAWAD

## (Excessive Furnishing of Controlled Substances)

47. Respondents Bristol Family Pharmacy and Abdul Jawad are subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (d), for unprofessional conduct in that Respondents excessively furnished controlled substances during the period December 21, 2010 to on or about August 23, 2011, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 17-42 above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

## FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### AS TO ABDUL JAWAD

## (Unprofessional Conduct – Gross Negligence)

48. Respondent Abdul Jawad is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (c), for unprofessional conduct in that Respondent was grossly negligent in dispensing controlled substances during the period December 21, 2010 to on or about August 23, 2011, in that Respondent knew or should have known that the controlled substances prescribed by Doctors J.G., R.L. and B.O. were likely to be diverted or used for other than a legitimate medical purpose and that Respondent failed to take appropriate steps upon being presented with numerous prescriptions for the same controlled substances, to wit, oxycodone 30 mg, from a small group of prescribers, including but not limited to, contacting the prescribers, interviewing the patients and performing additional investigation to determine whether the prescriptions were issued for a legitimate medical purpose, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 17-42 above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

## SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### AS TO ABDUL JAWAD

## (Unprofessional Conduct - Negligence)

49. Respondent Abdul Jawad is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301, for unprofessional conduct in that Respondent was negligent in dispensing controlled substances during the period December 21, 2010 to on or about August 23, 2011, in that Respondent knew or

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should have known that the controlled substances prescribed by Doctors J.G., R.L. and B.O. were likely to be diverted or used for other than a legitimate medical purpose and that Respondent failed to take appropriate steps upon being presented with numerous prescriptions for the same controlled substances, to wit, oxycodone 30 mg, from a small group of prescribers, including but not limited to, contacting the prescribers, interviewing the patients and performing additional investigation to determine whether the prescriptions were issued for a legitimate medical purpose, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 17-42 above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

## SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### AS TO ABDUL JAWAD

## (Unprofessional Conduct)

50. Respondent Abdul Jawad is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301 for unprofessional conduct in that Respondent engaged in the activity described in paragraphs 17-42 above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

#### OTHER MATTERS

- 51. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 issued to Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy, it shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 is placed on probation, or until Pharmacy Permit Number 50205 is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 52. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 issued to Farmacia Familiar, fka Bristol Family Pharmacy, while Abdul Kareem Jawad was a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the licensee was disciplined, Abdul Kareen Jawad shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 is placed on probation, or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 is reinstated if it is revoked.

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53. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License Number RPH 45101 issued to Abdul Kareem Jawad, Abdul Kareem Jawad shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 45101 is placed on probation, or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 45101 is reinstated if it is revoked.

#### 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. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205, issued to Farmacia Familiar, formerly known as Bristol Family Pharmacy, Abdul Kareem Jawad, President;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 45101, issued to Abdul Kareem Jawad;
- 3. Prohibiting Farmacia Familiar, formerly known as Bristol Family Pharmacy, from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 is placed on probation, or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 is reinstated if it is revoked;
- 4. Prohibiting Abdul Kareem Jawad, from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 is placed on probation, or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50205 is reinstated if it is revoked;
- 5. Prohibiting Abdul Kareem Jawad from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 45101 is placed on probation, or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 45101 is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 6. Ordering Farmacia Familiar, formerly known as Bristol Family Pharmacy, and Abdul Kareem Jawad, jointly and severally, 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; and,

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