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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY	
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 5191
13	FELISHA HERNANDEZ 11655 Bananawood Ct.	
14	Fontana, CA 92337	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 124009	[Gov. Code, §11520]
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17	Respondent.	
18	respondent.	
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20	FINDINGS OF FACT	
21	1. On or about June 11, 2015, Complainant Virginia K. Herold, in her official capacity	
22	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed	
23	Accusation No. 5191 against Felisha Hernandez (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy.	
24	(Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)	
25	2. On or about June 19, 2012, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy	
26	Technician Registration No. TCH 124009 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration	
27	expired on November 30, 2013, and has not been renewed.	
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	(FEI	ISHA HERNANDEZ) DEFAULT DECISION & ORDER

- 3. On or about June 24, 2015, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 5191, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of record was and is: 11655 Bananawood Ct., Fontana, CA 92337.
- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- 5. On or about July 3, 2015, the aforementioned certified mailing documents were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "F.O.E." On or about July 23, 2015, the aforementioned First Class mailing documents were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Not at this address."
 - 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
 - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 5191.
 - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
 - (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 5191, finds that

ORDER 1 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 124009, heretofore issued 2 to Respondent Felisha Hernandez, is revoked. 3 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written 4 motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days 5 after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and 6 grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute. 7 This Decision shall become effective on September 25, 2015. 8 It is so ORDERED August 26, 2015. 9 10 BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 12 13 14 By 15 Amy Gutierrez, Pharm.D. 16 **Board President** 17 18 19 51840102.DOC DOJ Matter ID:LA2014511733 20 07232015 21 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Exhibit A

Accusation

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 5191
12	FELISHA HERNANDEZ aka FELISHA HELEN HERNANDEZ	
13	11655 Bananawood Ct. Fontana, CA 92337	ACCUSATION
	Pharmacy Technician Registration	
14	No. TCH 124009	
15	Respondent.	
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17	Complement alleges	
18	Complainant alleges:	
19	<u>PARTIES</u>	
20	1. Virginia K. Herold ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official	
21	capacity as the Executive Officer of the California State Board of Pharmacy ("Board").	
22	2. On or about June 19, 2012, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration	
23	Number TCH 124009 to Felisha Hernandez ("Respondent"). The Pharmacy Technician	
24	Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein. The	
25	Pharmacy Technician Registration expired on November 30, 2013 and has not been renewed.	
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3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 490 of the Code states:

"(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

"(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

5. Section 493 of the Code states:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question.

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

- 6. Section 4300 of the Code permits the Board to take disciplinary action to suspend or revoke a license issued by the Board.
 - 7. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

"The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license."

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8. Section 4301 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

"(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.

"(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

"(1) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment."

REGULATORY PROVISION -

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 qualification, 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 his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare."

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COST RECOVERY

10. 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.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Methamphetamine is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2), and has a stimulant effect on the central nervous system.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime)

- 11. Respondent's registration is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code sections 490 and 4301 subdivision (I) because the Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about October 16, 2013, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of violating Penal Code section 496 subdivision (a) [receiving stolen property] in the criminal proceeding entitled *People v. Felisha Helen Hernandez* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2013, No. FWV1303332). The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 60 days in a San Bernardino County Jail facility and was placed on 3 years probation. On or about June 27, 2014, Respondent was found to be in violation of probation and was sentenced to an additional 120 days in jail.
- b. The facts and circumstances of the criminal conviction are that on or about October 3, 2013, Respondent had reserved a room at a motel located in Ontario, California. Meanwhile, Ontario police officers were at the motel working a vice detail with the Ontario/Upland Narcotics Task Force and noticed suspicious activity at the Respondent's room. Respondent admitted she was on criminal probation and gave the officers permission to check the room. While searching the room, the officers noted that the room was filled with marijuana smoke and they found glass pipes used to smoke methamphetamine. Respondent admitted smoking the methamphetamine. The officers also found several bags with electronics, debit cards, blank gift cards, a California

vehicle license plate, and two laptop computers. The license plate was found inside an ice chest and was related to a stolen vehicle.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of an Act Involving Dishonesty)

12. Respondent's registration is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code sections 490 and 4301 subdivision (f) because the Respondent was convicted of receiving stolen property, a crime involving Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraph 11 and all subparagraphs, as though set forth fully herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Possession and Use of a Controlled Substance)

13. Respondent's registration is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code sections 490 and 4301 subdivision (j) because Respondent unlawfully possessed and used a controlled substance namely methamphetamine. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraph 11 and all subparagraphs, as though set forth fully herein.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

- 14. In order to determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges, as follows:
- a. On or about February 11, 2013, Respondent was issued Citation No. CI201253630 for violation of Business and Professions Code sections 4301 subdivision (f) and subdivision (l). Respondent was cited and fined \$150.00 and has not paid this amount to the date of this pleading.
- b. The facts and circumstances surrounding the citation are that on are about January 9, 2013, Respondent was convicted of two misdemeanor counts of violating Penal Code section 484 subsection (a) [petty theft] in the criminal proceedings entitled *People v Felisha Helen Hernandez* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2013, No. MVA1202118) and *People v Felisha Helen Hernandez* (Super.-Ct.-San-Bernardino-County, 2013, No. MVA1202127).—On-or about August—18, 2012, the Respondent stole merchandise from a Kmart store in Fontana, California, and on or

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