

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**SCRIPT LIFE PHARMACY; KHOA TAN  
HUYNH, PRESIDENT/PHARMACIST IN  
CHARGE  
255 W. Herndon Ave., Suite 101  
Clovis, CA 93612**

**Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 50069,**

**KHOA TAN HUYNH  
Pharmacist-in-charge  
2629 Portland Ave.  
Clovis, CA 93619**

**Pharmacist License No. RPH 56097,**

**and**

**JAMIE TRANG TA  
255 W. Herndon Ave.  
Clovis, CA 93612**

**Pharmacist License No. RPH 59312**

Respondents.

Case No. 5283

OAH No. 2015110188

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

**FOR RESPONDENT JAMIE TRANG TA**

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2016.

It is so ORDERED on May 5, 2016.

**BOARD OF PHARMACY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
2 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

3 PARTIES

4 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.  
5 She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala  
6 D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by David E. Brice, Deputy Attorney  
7 General.

8 2. Respondent Jamie Trang Ta ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by  
9 attorney Mark A. Broughton, whose address is: 2445 Capitol Street, Suite 150, Fresno, CA  
10 93721.

11 3. On or about February 1, 2007, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No.  
12 RPH 59312 to Respondent. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times  
13 relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 5283 and will expire on January 31, 2017,  
14 unless renewed.

15 JURISDICTION

16 4. Accusation No. 5283 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of  
17 Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other  
18 statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on August 17, 2015.  
19 Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

20 5. A copy of Accusation No. 5283 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by  
21 reference.

22 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

23 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
24 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5283. Respondent has also carefully read, fully  
25 discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
26 Order.

27 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a  
28 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at

1 her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to  
2 present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to  
3 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration  
4 and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California  
5 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

6 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
7 every right set forth above.

#### 8 CULPABILITY

9 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation  
10 No. 5283.

11 10. Respondent agrees that her Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and she agrees  
12 to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### 13 RESERVATION

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

#### 18 CONTINGENCY

19 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent  
20 understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may  
21 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to  
22 or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent  
23 understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation  
24 prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation  
25 as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or  
26 effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties,  
27 and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

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1 pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging  
2 for any drug, device or controlled substance.

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

4 **2. Report to the Board**

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

13 **3. Interview with the Board**

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

19 **4. Cooperate with Board Staff**

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

23 **5. Continuing Education**

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

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**6. Notice to Employers**

During the period of probation, respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 5283 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment, respondent shall cause her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 5283, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

If respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent must notify her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 5283 in advance of the respondent commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent shall cause her direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that she has read the decision in case number 5283 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

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

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any

1 position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment,  
2 whether the respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

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

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

9 **8. Reimbursement of Board Costs**

10 As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, respondent shall pay to the  
11 board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$1,820.80. Respondent shall  
12 make said payments on a payment plan approved by the Board.

13 There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the board or  
14 its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of  
15 probation.

16 The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of her responsibility to  
17 reimburse the board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

18 **9. Probation Monitoring Costs**

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

23 **10. Status of License**

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

27 If respondent's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time  
28 during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon



1 renewal or reapplication respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this  
2 probation not previously satisfied.

3 **11. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension**

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

11 Upon acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall relinquish her pocket and wall license to  
12 the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board that the surrender is accepted.

13 Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective  
14 date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as  
15 of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board, including any outstanding  
16 costs.

17 **12. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or**  
18 **Employment**

19 Respondent shall notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of  
20 employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new  
21 employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent  
22 shall further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence  
23 address, mailing address, or phone number.

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

26 **13. Tolling of Probation**

27 Except during periods of suspension, respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be  
28 employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of forty (40) hours per calendar month.

1 Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the  
2 period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is  
3 not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, respondent must nonetheless comply  
4 with all terms and conditions of probation.

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

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

13 "Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which respondent is  
14 not practicing as a pharmacist for at least forty (40) hours, as defined by Business and  
15 Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar  
16 month during which respondent is practicing as a pharmacist for at least forty (40)  
17 hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et  
18 seq.

#### 19 **14. Violation of Probation**

20 If a respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the board shall  
21 have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended, until  
22 all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the board has taken other action as deemed  
23 appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and  
24 to impose the penalty that was stayed.

25 If respondent violates probation in any respect, the board, after giving respondent notice  
26 and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that  
27 was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a  
28 violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If

1 a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during probation, the  
2 board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically  
3 extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

4 **15. Completion of Probation**

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

7 **16. Remedial Education**

8 Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the  
9 board or its designee, for prior approval, an appropriate program of remedial education related to  
10 prescription drug abuse prevention. The program of remedial education shall consist of at least  
11 ten (10) hours, which shall be completed within twelve (12) months at respondent's own expense.  
12 All remedial education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward, continuing  
13 education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes.

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

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

23 **17. No Ownership of Licensed Premises**

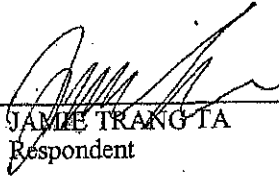
24 Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager,  
25 administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm,  
26 partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board. Respondent shall sell  
27 or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the board within ninety (90)  
28 days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written

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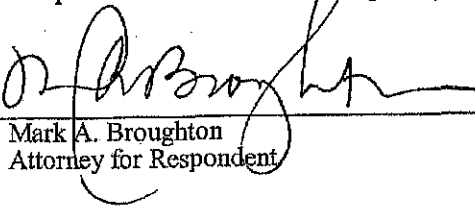
proof thereof to the board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Mark A. Broughton. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. 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: 2-12-2016   
JAMIE TRANG TA  
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Jamie Trang Ta the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 2/12/16   
Mark A. Broughton  
Attorney for Respondent

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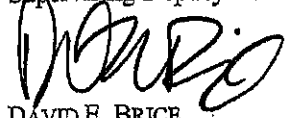
ENDORSEMENT

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

Dated: 2/12/16

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 5283**

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1 Complainant alleges:

2 PARTIES

3 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity  
4 as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.

5 2. On or about August 25, 2009, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit  
6 Number PHY 50069 to Script Life Pharmacy; Khoa Tan Huynh, President/Pharmacist in Charge  
7 (Respondent SLP). The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the  
8 charges brought herein and will expire on August 1, 2015, unless renewed.

9 3. On or about August 26, 2004, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License  
10 Number RPH 56097 to Khoa Tan Huynh (Respondent Huynh). The Pharmacist License was in  
11 full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August  
12 31, 2016, unless renewed.

13 4. On or about February 1, 2007, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License  
14 Number RPH 59312 to Jamie Trang Ta (Respondent Ta). The Pharmacist License was in full  
15 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31,  
16 2015, unless renewed.

17 STATUTORY REFERENCES

18 5. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of  
19 Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the  
20 Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

21 6. Section 4300 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

22 "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.

23 (b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose  
24 default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty..."

25 7. Section 4301 of the Code states:

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



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2 (d) The clearly excessive furnishing of controlled substances in violation of  
3 subdivision (a) of Section 11153 of the Health and Safety Code.  
4 ...

5 (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United  
6 States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.  
7 ...”

8 8. Section 4113 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

9 “(a) Every pharmacy shall designate a pharmacist-in-charge ...  
10 ...

11 (c) The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with  
12 all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy.  
13 ...”

14 **HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

15 9. Section 11153(a) of the Health and Safety Code states:

16 “A prescription for a controlled substance shall only be issued for a legitimate  
17 medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her  
18 professional practice. The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of  
19 controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility  
20 rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription. Except as authorized by this division,  
21 the following are not legal prescriptions: (1) an order purporting to be a prescription which  
22 is issued not in the usual course of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized  
23 research; or (2) an order for an addict or habitual user of controlled substances, which is  
24 issued not in the course of professional treatment or as part of an authorized narcotic  
25 treatment program, for the purpose of providing the user with controlled substances,  
26 sufficient to keep him or her comfortable by maintaining customary use.”

27 10. Section 11158(a) of the Health and Safety Code states, in pertinent part, that no  
28 controlled substance classified in Schedule II shall be dispensed without a prescription meeting  
the requirements of this chapter.

11. Section 11165(d) of the Health and Safety Code states, in pertinent part, that for each  
prescription for a Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substance, as defined in the

1 controlled substances schedules in federal law and regulations, the dispensing pharmacy, clinic, or  
2 other dispenser shall report specific information to the Department of Justice as soon as  
3 reasonably possible, but not more than seven days after the date a controlled substance is  
4 dispensed, in a format specified by the Department of Justice.

### 5 REGULATIONS

6 12. Section 1716 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations states, in pertinent part,  
7 that pharmacists shall not deviate from the requirements of a prescription except upon the prior  
8 consent of the prescriber.

9 13. Section 1761(a) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations states:

10 "No pharmacist shall compound or dispense any prescription which contains any  
11 significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration. Upon receipt of  
12 any such prescription, the pharmacist shall contact the prescriber to obtain the information  
13 needed to validate the prescription."

### 13 COST RECOVERY

14 14. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
15 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of  
16 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
17 enforcement of the case.

### 18 DRUGS

19 15. Oxycodone is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety  
20 Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(M).

21 16. Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP is a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by  
22 Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4). Hydrocodone Bitartrate, the generic name, is also  
23 known as dihydrocodeinone.

24 17. Norco, a brand of hydrocodone bitartrate and acetaminophen, is a Schedule III  
25 controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (e)(4).

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1 CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINE

2 A. Respondent Script Life Pharmacy (SLP)

3 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

4 (Failure to Transmit Required Information)

5 18. Respondent Script Life Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under section  
6 11165(d) of the Health and Safety Code, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that Respondent  
7 SLP failed to submit required information to the Department of Justice on a weekly basis. The  
8 circumstances are as follows:

9 a. On or about February 18, 2010, and continuing until on or about May 26, 2011,  
10 Respondent Huynh, while working as pharmacist-in-charge at SLP, failed to transmit the  
11 required information for Schedule II, III, and IV prescriptions to the Department of Justice  
12 on a weekly basis on behalf of SLP.

13 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

14 (Dispensing Controlled Substance Without a Prescription)

15 19. Respondent Script Life Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under section  
16 11158(a) of the Health and Safety Code, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that Respondent  
17 SLP dispensed controlled substances without a valid prescription from a physician. The  
18 circumstances are as follows:

19 a. On or about November 10, 2011, Respondent Ta, while working as a  
20 pharmacist at SLP, dispensed prescription RX# N11510 for oxycodone 30 mg #150, with  
21 directions to take 1 tablet 4-5 times a day, to patient YC without a valid prescription from  
22 a physician.

23 b. On or about January 19, 2012, Respondent Huynh, while working as  
24 pharmacist-in charge at SLP, dispensed prescription RX# 13176 for oxycodone 30 mg  
25 #180, with directions to take 1 tablet 4 times a day, to patient MW without a valid  
26 prescription from a physician.

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1 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Dispensing Erroneous Prescriptions)

3 20. Respondent Script Life Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under section  
4 1761(a) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, by and through Code section 4301(j), in  
5 that Respondent SLP dispensed an erroneous prescription without contacting the prescriber to  
6 obtain the information needed to validate the prescription. The circumstances are as follows:

7 a. On or about November 10, 2011, Respondent Ta, while working as a  
8 pharmacist at SLP, dispensed prescription RX# N11510 for oxycodone to patient YC.  
9 The prescription blank contained two prescriptions for Norco 10/325 mg, but no  
10 prescription for oxycodone. The patient received Norco 10/325 mg and oxycodone. The  
11 prescription was erroneous because it contained a significant error, omission, irregularity,  
12 uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration in that it had two prescriptions for the same drug.  
13 Respondent Ta did not contact the prescriber to obtain the information needed to validate  
14 the erroneous prescription.

15 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 (Deviating from Requirements of Prescription Without Consent of Prescriber)

17 21. Respondent Script Life Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under section 1716  
18 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that  
19 Respondent SLP deviated from the requirements of a prescription without the prior consent of the  
20 prescriber. The circumstances are as follows:

21 a. On or about January 15, 2012, Respondent Ta, while working as a pharmacist at  
22 SLP, dispensed to patient MW prescription Rx# 13192 for oxycodone 30 mg #180 with  
23 directions to take 1 tablet 4 times a day, instead of the prescribed oxycodone 30 mg #180  
24 with directions to take 1 tablet 4-6 times a day. Respondent Ta did not have the consent of  
25 the prescriber to make this deviation from the prescription.

26 b. On or about January 18, 2012, Respondent Ta, while working as a pharmacist at  
27 SLP, dispensed to patient MW prescription Rx# 12312 for oxycodone 30 mg #180 with  
28 directions to take 1 tablet 4-6 times a day instead of the prescribed oxycodone 30 mg #180

1 with directions to take 1 tablet 4-8 times a day. Respondent Ta did not have the consent of  
2 the prescriber to make this deviation from the prescription.

3 c. On or about January 13, 2012, Respondent Huynh, while working as  
4 pharmacist-in-charge at SLP, dispensed to patient MW prescription Rx# 50239 for  
5 hydrocodone/apap 10/325 mg #30 with directions to take 1 tablet 6 times a day instead of  
6 the prescribed hydrocodone/apap 10/325 mg #180 with directions take 1 tablet 4-5 times a  
7 day. Respondent Huynh did not have the consent of the prescriber to make this deviation  
8 from the prescription.

9 d. On or about January 27, 2012, Respondent Huynh, while working as  
10 pharmacist-in-charge at SLP, dispensed to patient MW a refill of prescription Rx# 50239  
11 for hydrocodone/apap 10/325 mg #30 with directions to take 1 tablet 6 times a day instead  
12 of the prescribed hydrocodone/apap 10/325 mg #180 with directions take 1 tablet 4-5  
13 times a day. Respondent Huynh did not have the consent of the prescriber to make this  
14 deviation from the prescription.

15 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 (Dispensing Controlled Substances Without a Legal Prescription)

17 22. Respondent Script Life Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under section  
18 11153(a) of the Health and Safety Code, by and through Code section 4301(d), in that Respondent  
19 SLP dispensed a controlled substance without a legal prescription. The circumstances are as  
20 follows:

21 a. On or about September 12, 2011, Respondent Huynh, while working as  
22 pharmacist-in-charge at SLP, dispensed two prescriptions to patient MW: RX# 42519 and  
23 Rx# 44675. Both prescriptions were for hydrocodone/apap 10/325 mg #120 with  
24 directions to take 1 tablet four times a day.

25 b. On or about January 15, 2012, Respondent Ta, while working as a pharmacist at  
26 SLP, dispensed to patient MW prescription Rx# 13192 for oxycodone 30 mg #180. Rx#  
27 13192 was for a 30-45 day supply.

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1 c. On or about January 18, 2012, Respondent Ta, while working as a pharmacist at  
2 SLP, dispensed to patient MW prescription Rx# 12312 for oxycodone 30 mg #180. Rx#  
3 12312 was for a 23-45 day supply.

4 d. On or about January 19, 2012, Respondent Huynh, while working as  
5 pharmacist-in-charge at SLP, dispensed to patient MW prescription Rx# 13176 for  
6 oxycodone 30 mg #180. There was no valid prescription for RX# 13176.

7 23. The prescriptions in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 22 totaled 240 tablets of  
8 hydrocodone/apap dispensed in one day. The prescriptions in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) of  
9 paragraph 22 totaled 540 tablets of oxycodone received by the patient over four days.

10 24. The prescriptions in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of paragraph 22 were not legal  
11 prescriptions because they were not issued in the usual course of professional treatment or in  
12 legitimate and authorized research. These prescriptions were issued by Dr. Jose Luis Flores,  
13 whose license was suspended by the Medical Board in OAH case number 2013120385 on January  
14 10, 2014, in part for excessive prescribing of drugs. Pharmacists have a corresponding  
15 responsibility for the proper dispensing of controlled substances. This responsibility was not met  
16 in this case because these prescriptions were clearly excessive.

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18 **B. Respondent Khoa Tan Huynh, Pharmacist-In-Charge**

19 25. Respondent Khoa Tan Huynh has been the designated Pharmacist-In-Charge for  
20 Script Life Pharmacy under Code section 4113(a) since August 25, 2009. As pharmacist-in-  
21 charge for SLP, Respondent Huynh was responsible for SLP's compliance with all state and  
22 federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy under Code section 4113(c).

23 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24 (Failure to transmit required information on a weekly basis)

25 26. Respondent Khoa Tan Huynh is subject to disciplinary action under section 11165(d)  
26 of the Health and Safety Code, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that Respondent Huynh,  
27 as pharmacist-in-charge for SLP, failed to submit required information to the Department of  
28 Justice on a weekly basis, as set forth in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 18 above.

1 **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Dispensing Controlled Substances Without a Prescription)

3 27. Respondent Khoa Tan Huynh is subject to disciplinary action under section 11158(a)  
4 of the Health and Safety Code, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that Respondent Huynh  
5 dispensed controlled substances without a prescription, as set forth in subparagraph (b) of  
6 paragraph 19 above. As Pharmacist-In-Charge for SLP, Respondent Huynh is also responsible  
7 under Code section 4113(c) for the actions of Respondent Ta, as set forth in subparagraph (a) of  
8 paragraph 19 above.

9 **EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 (Dispensing Erroneous Prescriptions)

11 28. Respondent Khoa Tan Huynh is subject to disciplinary action under section 1761(a)  
12 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that  
13 Respondent Ta dispensed an erroneous prescription without contacting the prescriber to obtain the  
14 information needed to validate the prescription, as set forth in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 20  
15 above, and as Pharmacist-In-Charge for SLP, Respondent Huynh is responsible under Code  
16 section 4113(c) for the actions of Respondent Ta.

17 **NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18 (Deviating from Requirements of a Prescription without Consent of Prescriber)

19 29. Respondent Khoa Tan Huynh is subject to disciplinary action under section 1716 of  
20 title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that  
21 Respondent Huynh deviated from the requirements of a prescription without the prior consent of  
22 the prescriber, as set forth in subparagraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph 21 above. As Pharmacist-In-  
23 Charge for SLP, Respondent Huynh is also responsible under Code section 4113(c) for the actions  
24 of Respondent Ta, as set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 21 above.

25 **TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

26 (Dispensing Controlled Substance Without a Legal Prescription)

27 30. Respondent Khoa Tan Huynh is subject to disciplinary action under section 11153(a)  
28 of the Health and Safety Code, by and through Code section 4301(d), in that Respondent Huynh

1 dispensed a controlled substance without a legal prescription, as set forth in paragraphs 22-24  
2 above. As Pharmacist-In-Charge for SLP, Respondent Huynh is also responsible under Code  
3 section 4113(c) for the actions of Respondent Ta, as set forth in paragraphs 22-24 above.

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5 **C. Respondent Jamie Trang Ta**

6 **ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 (Dispensing Controlled Substance Without a Prescription)

8 31. Respondent Jamie Trang Ta is subject to disciplinary action under section 11158(a) of  
9 the Health and Safety Code, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that Respondent Ta  
10 dispensed controlled substances without a prescription, as set forth in subparagraph (a) of  
11 paragraph 19 above.

12 **TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

13 (Dispensing Erroneous Prescriptions)

14 32. Respondent Jamie Trang Ta is subject to disciplinary action under section 1761(a) of  
15 title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that  
16 Respondent Ta dispensed an erroneous prescription without contacting the prescriber to obtain the  
17 information needed to validate the prescription, as set forth in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 20  
18 above.

19 **THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

20 (Deviating from Requirements of Prescription Without Consent of Prescriber)

21 33. Respondent Jamie Trang Ta is subject to disciplinary action under section 1716 of  
22 title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, by and through Code section 4301(j), in that  
23 Respondent Ta deviated from the requirements of a prescription without the prior consent of the  
24 prescriber, as set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 21 above.

25 **FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

26 (Dispensing Controlled Substance Without a Legal Prescription)

27 34. Respondent Jamie Trang Ta is subject to disciplinary action under section 11153(a) of  
28 the Health and Safety Code, by and through Code section 4301(d), in that Respondent Ta



1 dispensed a controlled substance without a legal prescription, as set forth in paragraphs 22-24  
2 above.

3 PRAYER

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

- 6 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50069, issued to Script Life  
7 Pharmacy; Khoa Tan Huynh, President/Pharmacist in Charge;
- 8 2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 56097, issued to Khoa Tan  
9 Huynh;
- 10 3. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 59312, issued to Jamie  
11 Trang Ta;
- 12 4. Ordering Script Life Pharmacy, Khoa Tan Huynh and Jamie Trang Ta to pay the  
13 Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,  
14 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and
- 15 5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

16 DATED: 7/22/15

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