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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 5429

DAISY L. LEE 125 North Pauline Street Anaheim, CA 92805

Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 28654

Respondent.

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 at 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2016.

It is so ORDERED on July 13, 2016.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

Amy Gutierrez, Pharm.D.

Board President

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10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA					
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 5429					
13	DAISY L. LEE 125 North Pauline Street STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER					
14	Anaheim, CA 92805					
15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No.					
16	TCH 28654					
17	Respondent.					
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19	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public					
20	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs,					
21	the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order which will					
22	be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the Accusation.					
23	<u>PARTIES</u>					
24	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.					
25	She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala					
26	D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Ron Espinoza, Deputy Attorney					
27	General.					
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- 2. Daisy L. Lee (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by Lisa Hocker, Esq., whose address is: 949 South Coast Drive, Ste. 250, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.
- On or about March 12, 1999, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician
 Registration No. TCH 28654 to Respondent Daisy L. Lee. The Pharmacy Technician
 Registration expired on November 30, 2014, and has not been renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 5429 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 2, 2016.

Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 5429 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5429. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 5429, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 28654 for the Board's formal acceptance.

9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Pharmacy Technician Registration without further process.

RESERVATION

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

CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender 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.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including the signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 Surrender of License and 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.

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14. 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 Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 28654, issued to Respondent Daisy L. Lee, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board of Pharmacy.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a registered pharmacy technician in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California with the Board, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent stipulates that should she apply for any license or registration from the Board on or after the effective date of this Decision, all the allegations set forth in Accusation No. 5429 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application. Respondent shall satisfy all requirements applicable to that license or registration as of the date the application is submitted to the Board, including, but not limited to, certification by a nationally recognized body, prior to the issuance of a new license or registration. Respondent is required to report this surrender as disciplinary action.
- 5. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in this matter in the amount of \$3,062.25 only prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license or registration from the Board.
- 6. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement with the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the Board of Pharmacy's Decision and Order.

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Stipulated Surrender of License (Case No. 5429)

ACCEPTANCE 1 2 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Lisa Hocker, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will 3 have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License 4 and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and 5 Order of the Board of Pharmacy. б 7 DATED: 8 9 Respondent 10 11 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Daisy L. Lee the terms and conditions and 12 other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and 13 content. 14 5.3.16 DATED: 15 Attorney for Respondent 16 17 **ENDORSEMENT** 18 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted 19 for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. 20 Respectfully submitted, 21 Dated: KAMALA D. HARRIS 22 Attorney General of California James M. Ledakis 23 Supervising Deputy Attorney General 24 25 RON ESPINOZA 26 Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant 27 .28

1	ACCEPTANCE				
2	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully				
3-	discussed it with my attorney, Lisa Hocker, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will				
4	have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License				
5	and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and				
6	Order of the Board of Pharmacy.				
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8	DATED:				
9	DAISY L. LEE				
0	Respondent				
1	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Daisy L. Lee the terms and conditions and				
2	other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and				
3	content,				
4	DATED:				
5	LISA HOCKER, ESQ.				
	Attorney for Respondent				
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.7	ENDORSEMENT				
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9	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted				
0	for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.				
21	Dated: 5-3-2016 Respectfully submitted,				
2	KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California				
.3	JAMES M. LEDAKIS Supervising Deputy Attorney General				
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 5429

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10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA					
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 5429					
12	DAISY L. LEE					
13	125 North Pauline Street Anaheim, CA 92805 ACCUSATION					
14 15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 28654					
16	Respondent.					
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18	Complainant alleges:					
19	PARTIES					
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity					
21	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.					
22	2. On or about March 12, 1999, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician					
23	Registration Number TCH 28654 to Daisy L. Lee (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician					
24	Régistration expired on November 30, 2014, and was cancelled on March 1, 2015.					
25	<u>IURISDICTION</u>					
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of					
27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the					
28	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.					
	ACCUSATION					

Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration,

ACCUSATION

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physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7."

DRUGS

- 8. Lexapro, brand name for escitalopram, is an antidepressant belonging to a group of drugs called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). Lexapro is used to treat anxiety in adults. Lexapro is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 9. Metformin is an oral diabetes medicine to control blood sugar levels. Metformin is used for type 2 diabetes. Metformin is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 10. Glimperide is an antidiabetic drug used for treating type 2 diabetes. Glimepiride is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

COST RECOVERY

I1. 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.

<u>FACTS</u>

- 12. On February 18, 2014, CVS contacted the Board of Pharmacy regarding the loss of a controlled substance. Respondent was interviewed by the Loss Prevention Manager of CVS, and on March 25, 2014, she provided a written statement wherein she admitted to stealing from the store two bottles of generic Lexapro, 20mg; four bottles of Metformin 850mg; and four bottles of Glimperide while working as a pharmacy technician at CVS. Respondent admitted to furnishing these stolen drugs to her son.
- 13. On or about September 23, 2014, a Pharmacy Board Inspector sent a letter to Respondent requesting that she contact the inspector no later than 72 hours after receipt of the letter in order to meet and discuss her investigation into the missing drugs. No response was received by Respondent.

- 14. On or about October 3, 2014, the Pharmacy Board inspector sent a second letter to Respondent requesting that she contact the inspector no later than 72 hours after receipt of the letter in order to meet and discuss her investigation into the missing drugs. Again, no response was received by Respondent.
- 15. On or about October 14, 2014, the Pharmacy Board inspector sent a third letter to Respondent requesting that she contact the inspector no later than 72 hours after receipt of the letter to meet and discuss her investigation. Respondent again failed to respond to the request.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Cooperate with an Investigation)

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(q) for unprofessional conduct in that Respondent engaged in conduct that subverted an investigation of the Board by failing to respond to contact by the Board on three separate occasions, specifically September 23, October 3 and October 14, 2014, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 12-15, above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud and Deceit)

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(f) for unprofessional conduct by committing acts involving dishonesty, fraud and deceit when Respondent stole dangerous drugs from her employer CVS, which included Lexapro, Metformin and Glimpiride, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 12-15, above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing Dangerous Drugs Without Prescription)

18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), in conjunction with Code section 4059, for unprofessional conduct in that Respondent stole Lexapro, Metformin and Glimperide from her employer CVS, and furnished these dangerous drugs without prescription to her son, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 12-15, above, and incorporated by this reference as though set forth in full herein.

1	<u>PRAYER</u>						
2	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,						
3	and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:						
4	1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 28654,						
 5	issued to Daisy L. Lee;						
6	2.	Ordering Daisy L. Lee to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the					
7	investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section						
8	-125.3;	,					
9	3.	Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.					
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11	DATED: _	2/12/16 VIRGINIA HEROLD					
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