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9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
10	STATE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 5499	
13	CHASIDY LYNN WILHITE 1000 1st Street	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER	
14	Wasco, CA 93280	[Gov. Code, §11520]	
15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 61048	[Gov. Code, 911320]	
16	Respondent.	·	
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18	FINDINGS OF FACT		
19	1. On or about January 22, 2016, Complainant Virginia K. Herold, in her official		
20	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs,		
21	filed Accusation No. 5499 against Chasidy Lynn Wilhite ("Respondent") before the Board of		
22	Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)		
23	2. On or about February 24, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") issued Pharmacy		
24	Technician Registration No. TCH 61048 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration		
25	expired on April 30, 2016.		
26	3. This lapse in licensure, however, pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections		
27	118, subdivision(b) and 4300.1 do not deprive the Board of its authority to institute or continue		
28	this disciplinary proceeding.		

- 4. On or about February 3, 2016, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 5499, 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: 1000 1st Street, Wasco, CA 93280.
- 5. 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.
- 6. On or about February 16, 2016, the aforementioned documents were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Unable to Forward."
 - 7. Government Code section 11506(c) 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.
- 8. 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. 5499.
 - 9. California Government Code section 11520(a) 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
- 10. 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. 5499, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5499, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

11. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement are \$1,627.50 as of May 18, 2016.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Chasidy Lynn Wilhite has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 61048 to discipline.
 - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case.:
- a. Business and Professions Code sections 4301, subdivision (1), and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent has been convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:
 - i. On or about December 2, 2014, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11550, subdivision (a) [under the influence of a controlled substance], one misdemeanor count of Health and Safety Code section 11364.1 [possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia], and one misdemeanor count of Health and Safety Code section 11357, subdivision (b) [possession of not more than 28.5 grams of Marijuana] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Chasidy Lynn Wilhite* (Super. Ct. Kern County, 2014, No. SM111907A).
 - ii. On or about July 3, 2014, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 20002, subdivision (a) [hit and run] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Chasidy Lynn Wilhite* (Super. Ct. Kern County, 2014, No. KM021845A).
- b. Business and Professions Code section 4301, subdivision (f), in that Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit.

Exhibit A

Accusation

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9	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	·	
11	·	Case No. 5499	
12	CHASIDY LYNN WILHITE 1000 1st Street	ACCUSATION	
13	Wasco, CA 93280		
14.	Pharmacy Technician Registration		
15	No. TCH 61048		
16	Respondent.	,	
17	Complainant alleges:		
18	<u>PARTIES</u>		
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) bring	s this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
21	2. On or about February 24, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) Issued Pharmacy		
22	Technician Registration No. TCH 61048 to Chasidy Lynn Wilhite (Respondent). The Pharmacy		
23	Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought		
24	herein and will expire on April 30, 2016, unless renewed.		
25	JURISDICTION		
26	3. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the		
27	following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise		
28	indicated.		
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STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 490 states, in pertinent part;
- "(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."
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's 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 492 states, in pertinent part:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, successful completion of any diversion program under the Penal Code, or successful completion of an alcohol and drug problem assessment program under Article 5 (commencing with Section 23249,50) of Chapter 12 of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code, shall not prohibit any agency established under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of this code, or any initiative act referred to in that division, from taking disciplinary action against a licensee or from denying a license for professional misconduct, notwithstanding that evidence of that misconduct may be recorded in a record pertaining to an arrest,"

Section 493 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

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 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."

- 7. Section 4060 provides in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or other authorized prescriber.
- 8. Section 4300 provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
 - 9. Section 4300.1 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."

10. Section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

"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.

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(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of 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 noto 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,

"(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."

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770 states, in pertinent part:

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

COST RECOVERY

12. Section 125.3 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

- 13. "Marijuana," is a Schedule I controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (d)(13) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022.
- 14. "Methamphetamine," is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Convictions of Substantially Related Crimes)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (I) and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that

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Respondent has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:

- On or about December 2, 2014, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11550, subdivision (a) Junder the influence of a controlled substance], one misdemeanor count of Health and Safety Code section 11364.1 [possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia], and one misdemeanor count of Health and Safety Code section 11357, subdivision (b) [possession of not more than 28.5 grams of Marijuana] in the criminal proceeding entitled The People of the State of California v. Chasidy Lynn Wilhite (Super. Ct. Kern County, 2014, No. SM111907A). The court deferred pronouncement of sentencing pending Respondent's completion of a drug diversion program. On or about October 29, 2015, the case was called for return on bench warrant: failure to comply with deferred entry of judgment program, Respondent failed to appear, and the court issued a bench warrant in the amount of \$20,000.00. As of December 2, 2015, the bench warrant is still outstanding. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about January 28, 2014. during a stop for riding a bicycle with no lights during darkness, an officer observed Respondent to have rapid speech and appeared extremely nervous. Respondent admitted that she had two needles and a Marijuana joint in her pocket. Respondent further admitted that she used about one gram of Methamphetamine intravenously the night before,
- b. On or about July 3, 2014, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 20002, subdivision (a) [hit and run] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Chasidy Lynn Wilhite* (Super. Ct. Kern County, 2014, No. KM021845A). On or about October 27, 2015, the case called for sentencing, Respondent failed to appear, and the court issued a bench warrant in the amount of \$10,000,00. As of December 2, 2015, the bench warrant is still outstanding. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about January 28, 2014, Respondent drove a vehicle that resulted in an accident, with damages to property. She failed to immediately stop her vehicle and locate or notify the owner or person in charge of that property or leave a note in a conspicuous place on the vehicle or property.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (f), in that Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 15, subparagraph (b), as though set forth fully.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dangerous Use of a Controlled Substance)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (h), in 17. that Respondent used a controlled substance to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, another person, or the public, Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 15, subparagraph (a), as though set forth fully.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Illegally Obtained or Possessed a Controlled Substance)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j), as 18. defined in section 4060, in that Respondent illegally obtained or possessed a controlled substance, Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 15, subparagraph (a), as though set forth fully.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violating Provisions of the Pharmacy Act)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o), in that Respondent violated provisions of the Pharmacy Act. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 15 through 18, as though set forth fully,

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

In order to determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about April 14, 2014, during the service of an arrest warrant for