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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 5782

JACQUELINE CASSIDY NOVOBILSKI 130 E. Avenida de Los Arboles Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Pharmacy Technician License No. T CH 136841

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 February 10, 2017.

It is so ORDERED on January 11, 2017.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

Amy Gutierrez, Pharm.D. Board President

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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 5782				
13	JACQUELINE CASSIDY NOVOBILSKI 130 E. Avenida de Los Arboles Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER				
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15	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 136841				
16	Respondent.				
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-				
19	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:				
20	PARTIES				
21	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy				
22	(Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by				
23	Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Gillian E. Friedman, Deputy				
24	Attorney General.				
25	2. Jacqueline Cassidy Novobilski (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding				
26	and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.				
27	3. On or about December 31, 2013, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician License No				
28	TCH 136841 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician License was in full force and effect at all				

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times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 5782 and will expire on July 31, 2017, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 5782 was filed before the (Board), and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on August 23, 2016. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 5782 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in
 Accusation No. 5782. Respondent also has carefully read, 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 be represented by counsel, at her own expense; 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. 5782, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders her Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 136841 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 License without further process.

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CONTINGENCY

- 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. 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.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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:

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 136841, issued to Respondent Jacqueline Cassidy Novobilski, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against

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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 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 her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If she ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent may not apply for any license, permit, or registration from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of this decision. Respondent stipulates that should she apply for any license from the board on or after the effective date of this decision, all allegations set forth in the accusation 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 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. Respondent is required to report this surrender as disciplinary action.
- 5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$4,407.50 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.
- 6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 5782 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

ACCEPTANCE 1 I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the 2 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician License. I enter into this 3 Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to 4 be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy. 5 6 DATED: 10/29/14 7 8 Respondent 9 10 **ENDORSEMENT** 11 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted 12 for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. 13 Dated: 11 16/16 Respectfully submitted, 14 KAMALA D. HARRIS 15 Attorney General of California MARC D. GREENBAUM 16 Supervising Deputy Attorney General 17 18 GILLIAN E. FRIEDMAN 19 Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant 20 21 22 LA2016602114 52230696.doc 23 24 25 26 27

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 5782

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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].
 - 5. 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."

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 4060 of the Code states:

"No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1, or a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5, or a pharmacist pursuant to either subparagraph (D) of paragraph (4) of, or clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of, subdivision (a) of Section 4052. This section shall not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, pharmacist, physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, naturopathic doctor, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, when in stock in containers correctly labeled with the name and address of the supplier or producer.

7. Section 4301 of the Code provides, in relevant 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.

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

"(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.

8. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), provides that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.

- 9. Health and Safety Code section 11350, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess any controlled substance listed in Schedule II (Health and Safety Code section 11055), subdivision (b) or (c), or any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V, absent a valid prescription.
- 10. Alprazolam is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(1) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022.

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COSTS

11. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, 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, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 12. On or about December 18, 2015, while employed as a pharmacy technician at at Longs Drug Store California, LLC, dba CVS Pharmacy #3934, located at 60 N. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 (CVS), Respondent fraudulently activated gift cards that she used to buy merchandise from CVS for her own personal use in the total amount of \$50.
- 13. Prior to this date, while working in the pharmacy at CVS, Respondent opened a bottle of Alprazolam 2mg and unlawfully took one pill without a lawful prescription, which she concealed in her shirt pocket and exited the pharmacy without paying. Respondent also conducted additional fraudulent "refunds" for the purpose of stealing cash from CVS in the total amount of an additional \$350.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Commission of an Act Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud,

Deceit, and/or Corruption)

14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivisions (f) and (o) of the Code in that she committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and/or corruption when she diverted Alprazolam from the pharmacy where she was employed. The circumstances of Respondent's conduct are set forth above in paragraph 13 and incorporated herein by this reference.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Illegal Possession of Controlled Substances)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o) and/or section 4060 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11350, in that Respondent possessed controlled substances without a prescription. The circumstances of Respondent's conduct are set forth above in paragraph 13 and incorporated herein by this reference.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtaining Controlled Substance by Fraud, Deceit, or Subterfuge)

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), in that Respondent obtained controlled substances and/or procured the administration of controlled substances by fraud, deceit, subterfuge, and/or the concealment of a material fact. The circumstances of Respondent's conduct are set forth above in paragraph 13 and incorporated herein by this reference.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct. The circumstances of Respondent's conduct are set forth above in paragraphs 12 and 13 and incorporated herein by this reference.

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 136841, issued to Jacqueline Cassidy Novobilski
- 2. Ordering Jacqueline Cassidy Novobilski to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

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1	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.		
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5	DATED:	0/10/16	VIRGINIA HEROLD
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