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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY		
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 5961	
12	JOY MELANIE PIATEK 297 Douglas Dr. #107	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER	
13	Oceanside, CA 92058	[Gov. Code, §11520]	
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 52684		
15	Respondent.		
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18	1. On November 3, 2016, Complainant Virginia K. Herold, in her official capacity		
19	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs,		
20	filed Accusation No. 5961 against Joy Melanie Piatek (Respondent) before the Board.		
21	(Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)		
22	2. On August 12, 2004, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No.		
23	TCH 52684 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration expired on August 31, 2016,		
24	and has not been renewed.		
25	•	nt was served by Certified and First Class Mail	
26	copies of Accusation No. 5961, Statement to Res		
27	Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7)		
28	at Respondent's address of record which, pursua	Int to Business and Professions Code (Code)	
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section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of record was and is 297 Douglas Dr. #107, Oceanside, CA 92058.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and Code section 124.
- 5. On November 18, 2016, the aforementioned documents were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "MNLA Unable to Forward." The address on the documents was the same as the address on file with the Board. Respondent failed to maintain an updated address with the Board and the Board has made attempts to serve the Respondent at the address on file. Respondent has not made herself available for service and therefore, has not availed herself of her right to file a notice of defense and appear at hearing.
  - 6. 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.
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 5961.
  - 8. 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 . . . .
- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 5961, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5961, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

**ORDER** 1 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 52684, heretofore 2 issued to Respondent Joy Melanie Piatek, is revoked. 3 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a 4 written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within 5 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may 6 vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute. 7 This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2017. 8 It is so ORDERED on January 31, 2017. 9 10 BOARD OF PHARMACY 11 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 12 13 14 15 By 16 Amy Gutierrez, Pharm.D. **Board President** 17 18 19 20 21 81545801.DOC DOJ Matter ID:SD2016702384 22 Attachment: ...23. Exhibit A: Accusation 24 25 26 27 28

# Exhibit A

Accusation

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14	Oceanside, CA 92058			
15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 52684			
16	Respondent.			
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18	Complainant alleges:			
19	PARTIES			
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official			
21	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.			
22	2. On August 12, 2004, the Board of P	harmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy Technician		
23	Registration Number TCH 52684 to Joy Melanie Piatek (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician			
24	Registration expired on August 31, 2016, and has n	ot been renewed.		
25	JURISDIC	TION		
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the	e Board, under the authority of the following		
27	laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise			
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4. Code section 4300, subdivision (a), provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.

## 5. Code 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.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

## 6. Code section 482 states:

Each board under the provisions of this code shall develop criteria to evaluate the rehabilitation of a person when:

- (a) Considering the denial of a license by the board under Section 480; or
- (b) Considering suspension or revocation of a license under Section 490.

Each board shall take into account all competent evidence of rehabilitation furnished by the applicant or licensee.

### 7. Code section 492 states:

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. This section shall not be construed to apply to any drug diversion program operated by any agency established under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of this code, or any initiative act referred to in that division.

#### 8. Code section 4022 states

"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

(a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.

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## 13. Health & Safety Code section 11350, subdivision (a) states:

Except as otherwise provided in this division, every person who possesses (1) any controlled substance specified in subdivision (b) or (c), or paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 11054, specified in paragraph (14), (15), or (20) of subdivision (d) of Section 11054, or specified in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 11055, or specified in subdivision (h) of Section 11056, or (2) any controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV, or V which is a narcotic drug, unless upon the written prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian licensed to practice in this state, shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.

## 14. Health & Safety Code section 11364 states:

- (a) It is unlawful to possess an opium pipe or any device, contrivance, instrument, or paraphernalia used for unlawfully injecting or smoking (1) a controlled substance specified in subdivision (b), (c), or (e) or paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 11054, specified in paragraph (14), (15), or (20) of subdivision (d) of Section 11054, specified in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 11055, or specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 11055, or (2) a controlled substance that is a narcotic drug classified in Schedule III, IV, or V.
- (b) This section shall not apply to hypodermic needles or syringes that have been containerized for safe disposal in a container that meets state and federal standards for disposal of sharps waste.
- (c) Until January 1, 2021, as a public health measure intended to prevent the transmission of HIV, viral hepatitis, and other bloodborne diseases among persons who use syringes and hypodermic needles, and to prevent subsequent infection of sexual partners, newborn children, or other persons, this section shall not apply to the possession solely for personal use of hypodermic needles or syringes if acquired from a physician, pharmacist, hypodermic needle and syringe exchange program, or any other source that is authorized by law to provide sterile syringes or hypodermic needles without a prescription.

## 15. Health & Safety Code section 11375 in pertinent part states:

- (a) As to the substances specified in subdivision (c), this section, and not Sections 11377, 11378, 11379, and 11380, shall apply.
- (b) (1) Every person who possesses for sale, or who sells, any substance specified in subdivision (c) shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than one year or state prison.
- (2) Every person who possesses any controlled substance specified in subdivision (c), unless upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian, licensed to practice in this state, shall be guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor.

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1	(c) This section shall apply to any material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing any of the following substances:			
2	preparation containing any of the following substances.			
3	(12) Alprazolam.			
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5	16. Health & Safety Code section 11377 in pertinent part states:			
6	(a) Except as authorized by law and as otherwise provided in			
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8	who possesses any controlled substance which is (1) classified in Schedule III, IV, or V, and which is not a narcotic drug, (2) specified in subdivision (d) of Section			
9	subdivision (d), (e), or (f) of Section 11055, unless upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian, licensed to practice in this state,			
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13	one year or pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.			
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15	REGULATORY PROVISIONS			
16	17. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1769, states:			
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18	(b) When considering the suspension or revocation of a facility or a personal license on the ground that the licensee or the registrant has been			
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20	(1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).			
21	(2) Total criminal record.			
22	(3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or			
23	offense(s).  (4) Whother the lineague has complied with all terms of nearly			
	(4) Whether the licensee has complied with all terms of parole, probation, restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.			
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24 25	(5) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee.			
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18. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the 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

19. Code section 125.3 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.

#### DRUGS

- 20. Alprazolam is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(1), and is categorized as a dangerous drug under Code section 4022.
- 21. Heroin is a Schedule I controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (c)(11), and is categorized as a dangerous drug under Code section 4022.
- 22. Methamphetamine is a Scheduled II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2), and is categorized as a dangerous drug under Code section 4022.
- 23. Morphine is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(L) and is categorized as a dangerous drug under Code section 4022.
- 24. Tramadol, which has been reclassified on June 27, 2014, when the Drug Enforcement Agency ruled under the Controlled Substances Act that it is a Schedule IV

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controlled substance effective August 18, 2014, has since been categorized as a dangerous drug under Code section 4022.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Unprofessional Conduct - Violation of Drug Laws)

- 25. Respondent has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration to discipline under Code sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (j), in that she violated Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 11350, subdivision (a), a statute of the State of California regulating controlled substances. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On May 5, 2016, Respondent and a male companion sat for eight hours in her vehicle parked in the area of East Bobier Drive in Vista, California. Deputies from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department contacted the couple and conducted a search of the person of the two passengers and the vehicle. Respondent informed the deputies that her purse contained syringes. Respondent also informed the deputies that there was a syringe in her right sock and a methamphetamine pipe in her underwear. Respondent admitted to using the syringes to inject heroin and the pipe to smoke methamphetamine. The deputies located all the items mentioned. The deputies also located in Respondent's purse a burnt spoon with cotton balls, 0.15 grams of Heroin, a 2mg Alprazolam tablet, a 2mg Morphine pill, and a 50mg Tramadol pill. Respondent was arrested and booked into the Vista Detention Facility for violation of Health & Safety Code (HSC) sections 11364, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia; and 11350, subdivision (a), possession of narcotic controlled substance, and Code section 4060, possession of a controlled substance without prescription of a physician.
- b. On May 25, 2016, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California vs. Joy Melaine Piatek*, in San Diego County Superior Court, North County Division, Case Number CN359890, Respondent was charged with violation of HSC sections 11350, subdivision (a), possession of narcotic controlled substance, and 11364, both misdemeanors. On July 27, 2016, Respondent pled guilty to violation of HSC 11350, subdivision (a). The charge of violation of HSC section 11364 was dismissed under a plea bargain.

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his or her title to or possession of the vehicle. Respondent also pled guilty to violating PC section 496, subdivision (a), receipt of a stolen vehicle, knowing the vehicle to be so stolen. Respondent further pled guilty to violating HSC section 11377, subdivision (a), possession of Methamphetamine. As a result of her guilty pleas, Respondent was granted deferred entry of judgment under PC, section 1000. Respondent was ordered to pay fees and provide proof of enrollment in a PC section 1000 program.

b. On September 3, 1997, in a prior criminal proceeding entitled *The People* of the State of California vs. Joy Melaine Piatek, in San Diego County Superior Court, North County Division, Case Number CN065262, Respondent was convicted of violating PC section 602, subdivision (J), trespassing. Respondent was granted two years probation. The facts that led to her conviction are that in April 1997, Respondent was caught stealing clothes from a Sears store at The Plaza Camino Real in Carlsbad, California. Respondent filed a Petition for Relief under PC section 1203.4. On August 28, 2003, Respondent's petition was granted, her conviction was set aside, and the charge dismissed based on Respondent's fulfillment of the conditions of her probation.

c. On August 12, 1998, in a prior criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California vs. Joy Melaine Piatek*, in San Diego County Superior Court, North County Division, Case Number CN078829, Respondent was convicted of violating HSC section 11352, subdivision (a), transportation, importation into this state, selling, furnishing, administering, or giving away, or offering to transport, import into this state, or sell, furnish, administer, or give away, or attempts to import into this state or transport (1) any controlled substance. Respondent was sentenced to county jail for a year. The facts that led to her conviction are that in order to support her drug habit, Respondent sold Heroin to an undercover officer on six occasions. Respondent was thereafter granted probation for three years. Respondent filed a Petition for Relief under PC sections 1203.4. On September 19, 2003, Respondent's petition was granted, her conviction was set aside, and the charge dismissed based on Respondent's fulfillment of the conditions of her probation.

1	d. In addressing Respondent's prior convictions, investigated in case number		
2	AP 2003 26217, on August 12, 2004, the Board officially advised Respondent that her prior		
3	convictions and underlying conduct were substantially related to the qualifications, functions or		
4	duties of a registered pharmacy technician. The Board warned Respondent in a Notice of		
5	Warning that as a registered pharmacy technician, she is responsible for behaving professionally,		
6	honestly, and ethically. Future substantiated reports that Respondent has engaged in similar		
7	behavior or otherwise violated the law or regulations governing her practice as a pharmacy		
8	technician may evidence present or potential unfitness to perform the functions authorized by her		
9	registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. As such, such		
0.	occurrence could result in a disciplinary action against her registration.		
.1	PRAYER		
.2	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein		
.3	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:		
.4	1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 52684,		
5	issued to Joy Melanie Piatek;		
6	2. Ordering Joy Melanie Piatek to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs		
.7	of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code		
.8	section 125.3; and,		
9	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.		
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3	VIRGINIA HEROLD  Executive Officer -		
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