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

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3634

12 **JAMES ROBERT THRIFT**

13 **1001 Starbuck Street, Ste. G101**  
14 **Fullerton, CA 92833**

15 **Pharmacy Technician Registration No.**  
16 **TCH 74800**

**A C C U S A T I O N**

17 Respondent.

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20 Complainant alleges:

21 **PARTIES**

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

24 2. On or about March 10, 2007, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician  
25 Registration Number TCH 74800 to James Robert Thrift (Respondent). The Pharmacy  
26 Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
27 herein and will expire on December 31, 2010, unless renewed.

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2                   (f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud,  
3                   deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a  
4                   licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.

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

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13                  (i) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications,  
14                  functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. . . . [T]he record of  
15                  conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction  
16                  occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the  
17                  commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a  
18                  conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if  
19                  the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions,  
20                  and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a  
21                  conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within  
22                  the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for  
23                  appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or  
24                  when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence,  
25                  irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code  
26                  allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not  
27                  guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation,  
28                  information, or indictment.

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**REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

9. 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.

10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1769, states, in pertinent part:

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(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 convicted of a  
crime, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of such person and his present  
eligibility for a license will consider the following criteria:

- 1 (1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).  
2 (2) Total criminal record.  
3 (3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s).  
4 (4) Whether the licensee has complied with all terms of parole, probation,  
5 restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.  
6 (5) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee.

7 **COST RECOVERY**

8 11. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
9 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of  
10 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
11 enforcement of the case.

12 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

13 **(July 24, 2008 Criminal Conviction for Petty Theft on April 26, 2008)**

14 12. Respondent has subjected his license to disciplinary action under sections 490 and  
15 4301, subdivision (l) of the Code, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime that is  
16 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician. The  
17 circumstances are as follows.

18 13. On or about July 24, 2008, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of*  
19 *California v. James Robert Thrift*, in Orange County Superior Court, case number 08NM06415,  
20 Respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty of violating Penal Code section 484, subdivision  
21 (a), petty theft, a misdemeanor.

22 14. As a result of the conviction, on or about July 24, 2008, Respondent was sentenced to  
23 three years informal probation, 15 days in county jail and payment of fees and fines.

24 15. The facts that led to the conviction were that on or about April 26, 2008, Respondent  
25 was caught stealing a bottle of Heritage vodka from an Albertson's market in Fullerton,  
26 California.

27 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

28 **(Unprofessional Conduct - Dishonesty)**

16. Respondent has subjected his license to disciplinary action under section 4301,  
subdivision (f) of the Code in that on or about July 24, 2008, as described in the First Cause for

1 Discipline, above, Respondent committed an act of dishonesty, which constitutes unprofessional  
2 conduct.

3 THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

4 (July 24, 2008 Criminal Conviction for DUI and Hit and Run on June 7, 2008)

5 17. Respondent has subjected his license to disciplinary action under sections 490 and  
6 4301, subdivision (l) of the Code, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime that is  
7 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician. The  
8 circumstances are as follows.

9 18. On or about July 24, 2008, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of*  
10 *California v. James Robert Thrift*, in Orange County Superior Court, case number 08NM08758,  
11 Respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty of violating Vehicle Code section 23152,  
12 subdivision (a), driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor and  
13 Vehicle Code section 20002, subdivision (a), hit and run with property damage, a misdemeanor.  
14 Respondent's plea included an enhancement under Vehicle Code section 23538 (b) (2), in that his  
15 blood alcohol content was in excess of .20 percent.

16 19. As a result of the conviction, on or about July 24, 2008, Respondent was sentenced to  
17 three years informal probation, serve 13 days in county jail in lieu of payment of \$390.00 fine as  
18 to the 23152 (a) violation, serve 20 days in county jail with credit for 12 days of time served as to  
19 the 20002 (a) violation, completion of a nine month Level 2 First Offender Alcohol Program,  
20 complete Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Victim's Impact Panel and payment of fees  
21 and fines.

22 20. The facts that led to the conviction were that on or about June 7, 2008, Respondent  
23 unlawfully drove a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and with a blood alcohol  
24 content by weight in excess of .20 percent, to wit, .32 percent. Respondent was involved in an  
25 accident with another vehicle. He walked away from that accident before the police arrived.

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1 Discipline, above, Respondent committed an act of dishonesty, which constitutes unprofessional  
2 conduct.

3 PRAYER

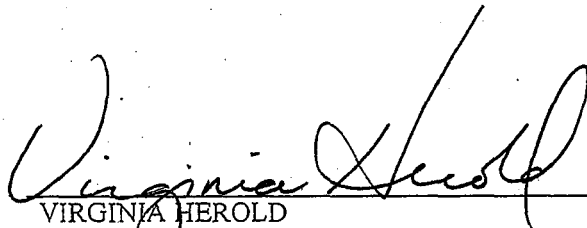
4 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
5 and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

6 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 74800,  
7 issued to James Robert Thrift.

8 2. Ordering James Robert Thrift to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of  
9 the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section  
10 125.3;

11 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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14 DATED: 5/6/10



VIRGINIA HEROLD  
Executive Officer  
Board of Pharmacy  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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