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

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12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 4986

13 **DIANNA WICKLIFFE**
14 **P.O. Box 584**
Somerset, CA 95684

A C C U S A T I O N

15 **Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH**
16 **38215**

Respondent.

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19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

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

23 2. On or about February 6, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician
24 Registration Number TCH 38215 to Dianna Wickliffe (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician
25 Registration expired on September 30, 2013, and has not been renewed.

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1 JURISDICTION

2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
3 Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the
4 Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

5 4. Section 4300 of the Code states in pertinent part:

6 "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.

7 "(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default
8 has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the
9 following methods:

10 "(1) Suspending judgment.

11 "(2) Placing him or her upon probation.

12 "(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.

13 "(4) Revoking his or her license.

14 "(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its
15 discretion may deem proper..."

16 5. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

17 "The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation
18 of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a
19 retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of
20 jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding
21 against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license."

22 6. Section 4301 of the Code states in pertinent part:

23 "The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional
24 conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.
25 Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

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

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

7 "(k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use,
8 consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any
9 combination of those substances.

10 "(l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties
11 of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13
12 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled
13 substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or
14 dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the
15 record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.
16 The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to
17 fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or
18 dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the
19 qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or
20 a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning
21 of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the
22 judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made
23 suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of
24 the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not
25 guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or
26 indictment.

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

5 7. Health and Safety Code section 11368 states:

6 "Every person who forges or alters a prescription or who issues or utters an altered
7 prescription, or who issues or utters a prescription bearing a forged or fictitious signature for any
8 narcotic drug, or who obtains any narcotic drug by any forged, fictitious, or altered prescription,
9 or who has in possession any narcotic drug secured by a forged, fictitious, or altered prescription,
10 shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six months nor more than one
11 year, or in the state prison. "

12 8. Section 4060 of the Code states in pertinent part:

13 "No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon
14 the prescription of a physician..."

15 **DRUGS**

16 9. Hydrocodone is a Schedule III controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety
17 Code section 11056, subdivision (e)(4).

18 **COST RECOVERY**

19 10. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
20 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
21 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
22 enforcement of the case.

23 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24 **(Substantially Related Criminal Conviction)**

25 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to
26 section 4301, subdivisions (l) and (k), in that on or about December 16, 2013, in a case in the El
27 Dorado Superior Court entitled *People v. Dianna Wickliffe*, case number P13CRF0505,

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1 Respondent pled guilty to violating Health and Safety Code section 11368, forging and issuing a
2 prescription for a controlled substance, a felony. The circumstances are as follows:

3 12. On or about August 21, 2013, Respondent was arrested for forging or altering a
4 prescription for Hydrocodone. Respondent was in possession of Hydrocodone obtained by the
5 forged prescriptions at the time of her arrest. Respondent was employed at the BelAir Pharmacy
6 in Cameron Park during all of the circumstances described herein. According to Respondent, she
7 would wait and observe until another pharmacy technician left their computer account logged in
8 and walked away to perform other duties, then she would use their account to fill a prescription
9 for herself. Respondent admitted to doing so 10-12 times, and stated the Hydrocodone was for
10 her own consumption.

11 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

12 **(Dishonest, Fraudulent, or Deceitful Acts)**

13 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to
14 section 4301, subdivision (f), in that she committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts in
15 forging or altering a prescription for Hydrocodone as described in paragraph 12, above.

16 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

17 **(Violation of Laws Governing controlled Substances)**

18 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to
19 section 4301, subdivision (j), for violating the laws governing controlled substances as follows:

20 a. Respondent violated section 4060 of the Code, by unlawfully possessing a
21 controlled substance without a valid prescription, as described in paragraph 12, above.

22 b. Respondent violated Health and Safety Code section 11368 by forging or
23 altering a prescription for Hydrocodone as described in paragraph 12, above.

24 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

25 **(Violation of Laws Governing Pharmacy)**

26 15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct pursuant to
27 section 4301, subdivision (o), for violating the laws governing pharmacy as set forth in paragraphs
28 11-14, above.

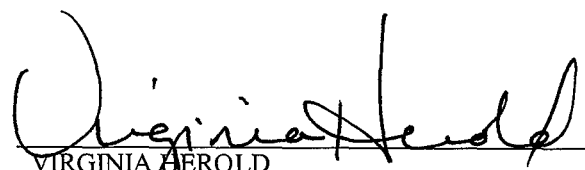
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PRAYER

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 Registration Number TCH 38215, issued to Dianna Wickliffe;
2. Ordering Dianna Wickliffe 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;
3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 3/27/14


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