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8 9 10	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
11	In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against:	Case No. 5450 FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION
13	EVELYN LISSETTE GUILLEN 4220 N. Lakewood Blvd Long Beach, CA 90808	
14 15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 138520	
16	Respondent.	
17	Complainant alleges:	
18	<u>PARTIES</u>	
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely in her	
20	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer	
21	Affairs (Board).	
22	2. On or about January 28, 2014, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration	
23	No. TCH 138520 to Evelyn Lissette Guillen (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician	
24	Registration expired on May 31, 2015, and has not been renewed.	
25	JURISDICTION	
26	3. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of	
27	the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless	
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(EVELYN LISSETTE GUILLEN) FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION, Case No. 5450

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

4. Section 492 states:

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"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 ([Healing Arts] 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."

5. 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 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.'"

6. Section 4300, subdivision (a), states that "[e]very license issued may be suspended or revoked."

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7. 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."

8. 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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(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.

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(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. . . ."

PHARMACY LAW

9. Section 4060 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.

"Nothing in this section authorizes a certified nurse-midwife, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, or a naturopathic doctor, to order his or her own stock of dangerous drugs and devices."

DRUG STATUTES

- 10. Health and Safety Code section 11007 states:
- ""Controlled substance," unless otherwise specified, means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor which is listed in any schedule in Section 11054, 11055, 11056, 11057, or 11058."
- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), provides that it is illegal to possess a controlled substance without a valid prescription.
 - 12. United Stated States Code Service, title 21, section 844 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) Unlawful acts; penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess a controlled substance unless such substance was obtained directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription.

(c) "Drug, narcotic, or chemical offense" defined. As used in this section, the term "drug, narcotic, or chemical offense" means any offense which proscribes the possession, distribution, manufacture, cultivation, sale, transfer, or the attempt or conspiracy to possess, distribute, manufacture, cultivate, sell or transfer any substance the possession of which is prohibited under this title,"

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REGULATORY PROVISION

13. 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

14. 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 / DANGEROUS DRUG

- 15. Alprazolam is a Schedule IV controlled substance under Health and Safety Code section 11057(d) and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022. Alprazolam is a generic name for Xanax, Invirase, Crixivan, Serzone and Alprazolam Intensol.
- 16. Cocaine is a Schedule II controlled substance under as designated in Health and Safety Code section 11055(b)(6) and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022.
- 17. Heroin, a semisynthetic drug derived from morphine is a Schedule I controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11054(c)(11).
- 18. Marijuana is a hallucinogenic Schedule I controlled substance under State and federal law (Health & Saf. Code § 11054 subd. (d)(13); and 21 U.S.C. § 812) and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substances/Dangerous Drugs)

- 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, and 4301, subdivision (o), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, for violating section 4060, in that on or about November 19, 2014, Respondent violated or attempted to violate the Pharmacy law when she was found in possession of controlled substances or dangerous drugs, as follows:
- a. On or about November 19, 2014 Respondent was found in possession of 0.39 gg
 Cocaine, 0.60 gg Heroin, 0.25 gg Alprazolam, and 13.30 gg Marijuana, controlled substances and dangerous drugs, without valid prescriptions.
- b. Subsequently on or about February 11, 2015, after pleading nolo contendere with a finding of guilty, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11350 [possession of a controlled substance] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Evelyn Guillen* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, 2015, No. 4CA30124). The Court placed Respondent on 12 months of formal diversion, and ordered to complete a three-month Teen Challenge in-patient program. On or about June 11, 2015, Respondent met and completed the terms of formal diversion and the matter was dismissed pursuant to Penal Code section 1385.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violating Drug Statutes)

20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (j), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on or about November 19, 2014, Respondent violated Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), and United Stated States Code Service, title 21, section 844, when she was in possession of Cocaine, Heroin, Alprazolam and Marijuana, controlled substances and dangerous drugs, without valid prescriptions. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth above in paragraph 19, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption)

21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (f), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption when she was in possession of Cocaine, Heroin, Alprazolam and Marijuana, controlled substances and dangerous drugs, without valid prescriptions. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 19 through 20, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 138520, issued to Evelyn Lissette Guillen;
- 2. Ordering Evelyn Lissette Guillen to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

ATED: 1/12/16 /UK

Executive Officer
Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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