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8	BEFORE THE		
9	BOARD OF PI DEPARTMENT OF CO	NSUMER AFFAIRS	
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 5456	
12	II I	ACCUSATION	
13	1720 East D Street Ontario, CA 91764		
14	Pharmacy Technician License		
15	No. TCH 132524		
16	Respondent.		
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18	Complainant alleges:		
19	<u>PARTIES</u>		
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as		
21	the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about December 19, 2013, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician License No.		
23	TCH 132524 to Tresbien Lakeith Hunter (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician License was in		
24	full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on		
25	November 30, 2015, unless renewed.		
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	( TRESBIEN LAKEITH HUNTER) ACCUSATION		

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### **JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws.

All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 490 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
  - 5. Section 4060 states, in pertinent part:

"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."

- 6. Section 4300 provides in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Boards is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
  - 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:

. . .

"(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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"(1) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the

qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment."

#### 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."

#### COST RECOVERY

10. 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.

#### 11. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

"Marijuana," is a schedule I controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (d)(13) and is categorized a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (l) and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that,

Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties 1 of a pharmacy technician. On or about March 5, 2015, after pleading guilty, Respondent was 2 convicted of one first degree felony of violating Florida Statutes section 895.03, subdivision (3) 3 [racketeering] and one first degree felony of violating Florida Statutes section 893.135, subdivision 4 (5) [conspiracy to traffic in cannabis more than 25 pounds] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The* 5 People of the State of Florida v. Tresbien La Keith Hunter (Super. Ct. Orange County, 2015, No. 6 2014-CF-010595-P-O). The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 107 days in jail and placed him 7 on 5 years probation, with terms and conditions. 8 9 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Violating Drug Statues) 10 Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j) for 13. 11 violating section 4060, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent violated 12 statues regulating a controlled substance. Complainant refers to, and by reference incorporates, 13 the allegations set forth above in paragraph 12, as though set forth fully. 14 15 /// 16 III17 III18 III19 1// 20 IIIIII21 111 22 /// 23 24 /// 25 III26 /// 27 /// /// 28

## **PRAYER** 1 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, 2 and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision: 3 Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 132524, issued to 4 Tresbien Lakeith Hunter; 5 Ordering Tresbien Lakeith Hunter to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the 2. 6 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and 7 Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3. 8 9 10 2/17/16 11 VIRGIN 12 Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy 13 Department of Consumer Affairs State of California 14 Complainant 15 LA2015500767 16 51822139.doc 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28