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

11 In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke
12 Probation Against:

Case No. 6002

13 **GERARDO CASTILLO**
14 **904 Elm Avenue**
Modesto, CA 95351

PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION

15 **Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 68819**

16 Respondent.

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19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

- 21 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Petition to Revoke Probation solely in her
22 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer
23 Affairs.
- 24 2. On or about June 25, 2013, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original Pharmacist
25 License Number RPH 68819 to Gerardo Castillo (Respondent). The Original Pharmacist License
26 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on
27 February 28, 2017, unless renewed. On or about February 4, 2016, the Original Pharmacist
28 License was suspended.

1 **PRIOR DISCIPLINE**

2 3. Effective August 31, 2015, in a disciplinary action titled, "*In the Matter of the First*
3 *Amended Accusation Against: Gerardo Castillo a.k.a. Gerardo Castillo Rico,*" the Board issued a
4 Decision and Order wherein Respondent's intern pharmacist license was canceled and
5 Respondent's original pharmacist license was revoked. However, the revocation of Respondent's
6 original pharmacist license was stayed and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of
7 five (5) years with certain terms and conditions.

8 4. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 19 stated:

9 If a respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation,
10 the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and probation shall
11 automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the
12 Board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a
13 violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was
14 stayed.

15 If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving
16 respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out
17 the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not
18 required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic
19 termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke
20 probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during probation, the Board
21 shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically
22 extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

23 5. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation, in that he violated probation as set
24 forth below.

25 **FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION**

26 **(Failed to Participate in Pharmacists Recovery Program)**

27 6. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 2 stated:

28 Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent
shall contact the Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP) for evaluation, and shall
immediately thereafter enroll, successfully participate in, and complete the treatment
contract and any subsequent addendums as recommended and provided by the PRP
and as approved by the Board or its designee. The costs for PRP participation shall be
borne by respondent.

If respondent is currently enrolled in the PRP, said participation is now
mandatory and as of the effective date of this decision is no longer considered a self-
referral under Business and Professions Code section 4362(c)(2). Respondent shall
successfully participate in and complete his current contract and any subsequent
addend addendums with the PRP.

1 Failure to timely contact or enroll in the PRP, or successfully participate
2 in and complete the treatment contract and/or any addendums, shall be considered a
3 violation of probation.

4 Probation shall be automatically extended until respondent successfully
5 completes the PRP. Any person terminated from the PRP program shall be
6 automatically suspended by the Board. Respondent may not resume the practice of
7 pharmacy until notified by the Board in writing.

8 Any confirmed positive test for alcohol or for any drug not lawfully
9 prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment shall
10 result in the automatic suspension of practice by respondent and shall be considered a
11 violation of probation. Respondent may not resume the practice of pharmacy until
12 notified by the Board in writing.

13 During suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any
14 portion of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer
15 or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the Board, or any manufacturer,
16 or where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained.
17 Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection,
18 selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation;
19 nor shall respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the
20 Board, or have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of
21 dangerous drugs and controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume practice
22 until notified by the Board.

23 During suspension, respondent shall not engage in any activity that
24 requires the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent shall not direct or
25 control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent shall not perform the
26 duties of a pharmacy technician or a designated representative for any entity licensed
27 by the Board.

28 Subject to the above restrictions, respondent may continue to own or hold
an interest in any licensed premises in which he or she holds an interest at the time
this decision becomes effective unless otherwise specified in this order.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of
probation.

Respondent shall pay administrative fees as invoiced by the PRP or its
designee. Fees not timely paid to the PRP shall constitute a violation for probation.
The Board will collect unpaid administrative fees as part of the annual probation
monitoring costs if not submitted to the PRP.

Respondent shall work in a pharmacy setting with access to controlled
substances for six (6) consecutive months before successfully completing probation.
If respondent fails to do so, probation shall be automatically extended until this
condition has been met. Failure to satisfy this condition within six (6) months beyond
the original date of expiration of the term of probation shall be considered a violation
of probation.

7. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation for failing to comply with Condition
2, referenced above, in that Respondent failed to participate in and complete his contract with the
Pharmacists Recovery Program as follows:

- 1 a. Respondent submitted positive random drug tests as follows:
- 2 i. On September 20, 2015, positive for Codeine 257 pg/mg.
- 3 ii. On February 19, 2016, positive for Ethylglucuronide 3062 NG/ML (a
4 metabolite of ethyl alcohol usually from drinking alcoholic beverages) and Ethylsulfate 999
5 NG/ML.
- 6 iii. August 21, 2016, positive for Tramadol 84.4 Ng/ML, Ethylglucuronide 7260
7 Ng/ML, and Ethylsulfate 3409 NG/ML.
- 8 b. Respondent failed to enter required post test data following a test on September 18,
9 2015.
- 10 c. Respondent failed to provide the Recovery Terms and Conditions Agreement, dated
11 September 14, 2015, to the Pharmacists Recovery Program by September 24, 2015.
- 12 d. Respondent submitted a monthly self report and October 2015 12-step card late.
- 13 e. Respondent failed to provide the Recovery Terms and Conditions Agreement, dated
14 May 12, 2016, to the Pharmacists Recovery Program.
- 15 f. Respondent failed to provide an Intensive Outpatient Treatment provider report to the
16 Pharmacists Recovery Program.
- 17 g. Respondent submitted the July 2016 Monthly Self Report late.
- 18 h. On or about September 30, 2016, the Pharmacists Recovery Program terminated
19 Respondent's enrollment, based upon the above-described conduct, as well as the fact that during
20 Respondent's most recent admission at Sacramento Recovery House, Respondent was discovered
21 to be in possession of a syringe and vial or vials of injectable steroids (testosterone). Sacramento
22 Recovery House discharged Respondent for violation of their rules. The testosterone was not
23 identified as a currently prescribed medication. Respondent did not contact the Pharmacists
24 Recovery Program and did not respond to any phone calls from the Program to discuss his
25 discharge from Sacramento Recovery House.

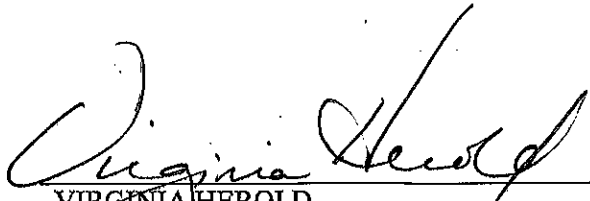
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1. Revoking the probation that was granted by the Board of Pharmacy in Case No. 4469 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed thereby revoking Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 68819 issued to Gerardo Castillo;
2. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist License No. RPH 68819, issued to Gerardo Castillo; and,
3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 1/3/17 

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

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