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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 6110
11	NABILA CASTLE	
13	25710 Lawton Ave. Loma Linda, CA 92354	ACCUSATION
14	Pharmacist License No. RPH 54749	
15	Respondent.	
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17	Complainant alleges:	
18	PARTIES	
19	1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
21	2. On or about August 22, 2003, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License	
22	Number RPH 54749 to Nabila Castle ("Respondent"). The Pharmacist License was in full force	
23	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2019,	
24	unless renewed.	
25	<u>JURISDICTION</u>	
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Department of	
27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the	
28	Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.	
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- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender, and/or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 5. Section 4300 of the Code provides that every license issued by the Boards is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 6. Section 4059, subdivision (a), of the Code states, in pertinent part, that "[a] person may not furnish any dangerous drug, except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7."
 - 7. Section 4060 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that:

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....

- 8. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that:

 The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been 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.
 - (h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

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COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 15. On or around January 7, 2017, Respondent was stopped by two officers of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office after failing to stop at a stop sign. During their encounter, an officer observed that Respondent was under the influence of drugs and Respondent subsequently admitted that she had used methamphetamines the day before. Respondent also admitted to the officers that she had been using methamphetamine for at least four months by smoking it through a water bong.
- 16. In or around April 2017, a Board inspector conducted an investigation into Respondent's past prescription drug use. The inspector found that, in December 2015 and January 2016, Respondent had prescriptions for controlled substances, including, but not limited to, Alprazolam and Adderall. The inspector further discovered that:
- a. In several instances, Respondent filled her own prescriptions for Alprazolam and Adderall, and dispensed them to herself while working at a pharmacy.
- b. In at least one instance, when Respondent filled her own prescription for Adderall, she dispensed to herself a different dosage and amount than what was actually prescribed.
- c. In at least one instance, the date of issuance on one of the prescriptions had been or appeared to have been subsequently altered, and yet Respondent failed to contact the prescriber in order to obtain the information needed to validate the prescription.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Dangerous Use of Drugs)

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (h)
on the grounds that Respondent used controlled substances in a manner that was dangerous or
injurious to herself and/or to the public. Complainant refers to and by this reference expressly
incorporates the allegations contained within paragraph 15, above, as though fully set forth hereir

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Violation of Statutes Regulating Controlled Substances)

- 18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (j), on the grounds that Respondent violated laws regulating controlled substances in the following respects:
- a. <u>Code section 4060</u>: Respondent unlawfully possessed a controlled substance. Complainant refers to and by this reference expressly incorporates the allegations contained within paragraph 15, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- b. <u>Health and Safety Code section 11170</u>: Respondent unlawfully administered a controlled substance to herself. Complainant refers to and by this reference expressly incorporates the allegations contained within paragraph 15, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- c. <u>Health and Safety Code section 11170</u>: Respondent unlawfully furnished a controlled substance to herself. Complainant refers to and by this reference expressly incorporates the allegations contained within paragraph 16, subdivision (a), above, as though fully set forth herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit)

19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4031, subdivision (f), on the grounds that Respondent committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, or deceit in that Respondent had a prescription for Adderall and dispensed to herself a different dosage and amount than what was actually prescribed. Complainant refers to and by this reference expressly incorporates the allegations contained within paragraph 16, subdivision (b), above, as though fully set forth herein.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Furnishing Dangerous Drugs Without a Prescription)

20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4059, subdivision (a), on the grounds that Respondent furnished dangerous drugs to herself without a valid prescription in that Respondent had a prescription for Adderall and dispensed to herself a different dosage and