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

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

13 VEDA VALENCIA  
8662 Spring Vista Way  
14 Spring Valley, CA 91977

15 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH  
34993

16 Respondent.  
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Case No. 2671

**DEFAULT DECISION  
AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

18 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

19 1. On or about December 2, 2004, Complainant Patricia F. Harris, in her  
20 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer  
21 Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2671 against VEDA VALENCIA (Respondent) before the Board of  
22 Pharmacy.

23 2. On or about October 18, 2000, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued  
24 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 34993 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician  
25 Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and  
26 expired on July 31, 2004.

27 3. On or about December 8, 2004, Carrie L. Johnson, an employee of the  
28 Department of Justice, served by Certified and First Class Mail a copy of the Accusation No.

1 2671, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government  
2 Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's address of record with the Board,  
3 which was and is 8662 Spring Vista Way, Spring Valley, CA 91977. A copy of the Accusation,  
4 the related documents and Declaration of Service are attached as Exhibit A, and are incorporated  
5 herein by reference.

6 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the  
7 provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).

8 5. On or about December 13, 2004, the aforementioned documents were  
9 returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Moved left no address, unable to forward, return to  
10 sender." A copy of the postal returned documents are attached hereto as Exhibit B, and are  
11 incorporated herein by reference.

12 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

13 "(c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent  
14 files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the  
15 accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of  
16 respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing."

17 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service  
18 upon her of the Accusation and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of  
19 Accusation No. 2671.

20 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

21 "(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the  
22 hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or  
23 upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to  
24 respondent."

25 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board  
26 finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on  
27 Respondent's express admissions by way of default and the evidence before it, contained in  
28 Exhibits A and B, finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 2671 are true.

10. The total costs for investigation and enforcement are \$2,671.25 as of December 31, 2004.

### DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent VEDA VALENCIA has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 34993 to discipline.

2. A copy of the Accusation and the related documents and Declaration of Service are attached.

3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

4. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation:

a. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 4301(l) in that she was convicted of a crime. The circumstances are as follows:

1. On or about July 25, 2002, Respondent pled guilty to Count 1, Health and Safety Code section 11350(a), possession of a controlled substance, a felony; and Count 2, Health and Safety Code section 11173(a), obtaining a prescription by fraud and deceit, a felony, in the criminal proceeding entitled *People vs. Veda Padilla, aka Veda Padilla Barajas*, San Diego Superior Court, Case Number CD168487-01.

2. On August 27, 2002, Respondent was sentenced and placed on three years probation; committed to the custody of the sheriff for 180 days; ordered to pay a fine of \$350 plus a lab fee of \$50; drug program fee of \$100; restitution fee of \$200; attend and successfully complete a substance abuse and after care counseling program; attend AA meetings; and have no contact with co-defendant Marie Brookes.

3. The circumstances of the crime are that UCSD Medical Center Pharmacy ("Pharmacy") discovered an internal diversion of prescription drugs. The Pharmacy discovered several forged prescriptions for Vicodin, Vicodin ES and Lortab. The Co-Director of the Pharmacy narrowed down the diversion to Marie Brookes as she was the only employee who was on shift when every one of the prescriptions was

1 dispensed. On July 2, 2002, the police were contacted when Pharmacy staff processed  
2 three fraudulent prescriptions for narcotics for patients "Bernardino," "Stokes" and  
3 "Jauregui." Ms. Brookes was working and when police arrived, Ms. Brookes admitted  
4 that she had processed and dispensed the prescriptions in question and that she was doing  
5 this for Respondent. Ms. Brookes admitted that Respondent had forged the prescriptions  
6 and that Ms. Brookes would arrange for the forged prescriptions to be filled in the  
7 pharmacy. Respondent would call Ms. Brookes and confirm that the forged prescriptions  
8 were ready for Respondent to pick up. Respondent would drive to the pharmacy with 2 to  
9 3 people and arrange for them to pick up the forged prescriptions from Ms. Brookes.  
10 Respondent could not pick up the forged prescriptions herself because she used to work  
11 for the Pharmacy and had been fired.

12 4. On July 2, 2002 Ms. Brookes telephoned Respondent that her  
13 forged prescriptions were ready for pick up. Respondent drove to the pharmacy where  
14 Ms. Brookes was working. Respondent was accompanied by her 13 year old daughter  
15 and a 14 year old female friend of her daughter. Respondent dropped off the two minors  
16 at the Pharmacy and the two minors attempted to pick up the fraudulent prescriptions  
17 processed by Ms. Brookes. The two minors were arrested in the pharmacy and  
18 Respondent was arrested in the parking lot. The police searched Respondent's house and  
19 found an unmarked bottle of Vicodin which Respondent admitted she did not have a valid  
20 prescription for and which she had obtained fraudulently.

21 b. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action for  
22 unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 490 in that Respondent has  
23 been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a  
24 Pharmacy Technician as specified in paragraph 4(a) above, which allegations are realleged and  
25 incorporated herein by reference.

26 c. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action for  
27 unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 4301(f) for the commission  
28 of acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud and deceit in that she forged prescriptions as

1 specified in paragraph 4(a) above, which allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by  
2 reference.

3 d. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action for  
4 unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 4324 in that she forged  
5 prescriptions to illegally obtain controlled substances as specified in paragraph 4(a) above, which  
6 allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

7 e. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action for  
8 unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 4060 in that she possessed  
9 a controlled substance without a valid prescription as specified in paragraph 4(a) above, which  
10 allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

11 f. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action for  
12 unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 4301(j) for violating  
13 statutes of this state regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs whereby Respondent  
14 forged prescriptions as specified in paragraph 4(a) above, which allegations are realleged and  
15 incorporated herein by reference.

16 g. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action for  
17 unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 4301(o) for violating or  
18 attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or  
19 conspiring to violate any provision or term of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 4000) of the  
20 Business and Professions Code or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations  
21 governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board provision statutes of this  
22 state regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs when Respondent forged  
23 prescriptions as specified in paragraph 4(a) above, which allegations are realleged and  
24 incorporated herein by reference.

25 h. Respondent has subjected her license to disciplinary action for  
26 unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 4301(p) for actions or  
27 conduct that would have warranted denial of a license as specified in paragraph 4(a) above,  
28 which allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.



Exhibit A  
Accusation No. 2671,  
Related Documents and Declaration of Service

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**A C C U S A T I O N**

15 Pharmacy Technician Registration  
16 No. TCH 34993

17 Respondent.  
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19 Complainant alleges:

20 PARTIES

21 1. Patricia F. Harris (Complainant) brings this Accusation 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 October 18, 2000, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy  
25 Technician Registration Number TCH 34993 to VEDA VALENCIA, aka Veda Padilla Barajas  
26 (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times  
27 relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on July 31, 2004.

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## JURISDICTION

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

4. 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.

5. Section 4300 of the Code states:

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

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

(1) Suspending judgment.

(2) Placing him or her upon probation.

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

(4) Revoking his or her license.

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

6. Section 4301 of the Code states:

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:

1 (f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud,  
2 deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or  
3 otherwise, and 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 of the United States  
6 regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

7 ...

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

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26 (o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or  
27 abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the

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1 applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations  
2 established by the board.

3 (p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license.

4 7. Section 4022 of the Code states:

5 "Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for  
6 self-use, except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following:

7 (a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing  
8 without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.

9 (b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this device  
10 to sale by or on the order of a \_\_\_\_\_," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to  
11 be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.

12 (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed  
13 only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.

14 8. Section 4059 of the Code states:

15 (a) A person may not furnish any dangerous drug, except upon the prescription of  
16 a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, or veterinarian. A person may not furnish any  
17 dangerous device, except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, or  
18 veterinarian.

19 9. Section 4060 of the Code states:

20 No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a  
21 person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian, or furnished  
22 pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse  
23 practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1, or a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1. This  
24 section shall not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer,  
25 wholesaler, pharmacy, physician, podiatrist, dentist, veterinarian, certified nurse-midwife, nurse  
26 practitioner, or physician assistant, when in stock in containers correctly labeled with the name  
27 and address of the supplier or producer.

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

3           10.     Section 4324 of the Code states:

4           (a) Every person who signs the name of another, or of a fictitious person, or  
5 falsely makes, alters, forges, utters, publishes, passes, or attempts to pass, as genuine, any  
6 prescription for any drugs is guilty of forgery and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by  
7 imprisonment in the state prison, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one  
8 year.

9           (b) Every person who has in his or her possession any drugs secured by a forged  
10 prescription shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or by imprisonment in the  
11 county jail for not more than one year.

12          11.     Section 490 of the Code states:

13          A board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been  
14 convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions,  
15 or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. A conviction  
16 within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction  
17 following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take  
18 following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has  
19 elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order  
20 granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a  
21 subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

22          12.     Section 493 of the Code states:

23          Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board  
24 within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend  
25 or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a  
26 license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime  
27 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question,  
28 the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the

1 conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the  
2 circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of  
3 discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications,  
4 functions, and duties of the licensee in question.

5 As used in this section, 'license' includes 'certificate,' 'permit,' 'authority,' and  
6 'registration.'

7 13. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the expiration of a  
8 license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the  
9 period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

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

14 15. **Drugs.**

15 a. "Loretan" is a dangerous drug pursuant to Code section 4022 and is a  
16 Schedule III controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4). It is  
17 used to treat moderate to severe pain.

18 b. "Vicodin" is a dangerous drug pursuant to Code section 4022 and is a  
19 Schedule III controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4). It is  
20 used to treat moderate to severe pain.

21 c. "Vicodin ES" is a dangerous drug pursuant to Code section 4022 and is a  
22 Schedule III controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4). It is  
23 used to treat moderate to severe pain.

24 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

25 (Conviction of a Crime)

26 16. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301(l)  
27 in that she was convicted of a crime. The circumstances are as follows:

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1           a.       On or about July 25, 2002, Respondent pled guilty to Count 1, Health and  
2 Safety Code section 11350(a), possession of a controlled substance, a felony; and Count 2,  
3 Health and Safety Code section 11173(a), obtaining a prescription by fraud and deceit, a felony,  
4 in the criminal proceeding entitled *People vs. Veda Padilla, aka Veda Padilla Barajas*, San  
5 Diego Superior Court, Case Number CD168487-01.

6           b.       On August 27, 2002, Respondent was sentenced and placed on three years  
7 probation; committed to the custody of the sheriff for 180 days; ordered to pay a fine of \$350  
8 plus a lab fee of \$50; drug program fee of \$100; restitution fee of \$200; attend and successfully  
9 complete a substance abuse and after care counseling program; attend AA meetings; and have no  
10 contact with codefendant Marie Brookes.

11           c.       The circumstances of the crime are that UCSD Medical Center Pharmacy  
12 ("Pharmacy") discovered an internal diversion of prescription drugs. The Pharmacy discovered  
13 several forged prescriptions for Vicodin, Vicodin ES and Lortab. The Co-Director of the  
14 Pharmacy narrowed down the diversion to Marie Brookes as she was the only employee who was  
15 on shift when every one of the prescriptions was dispensed. On July 2, 2002, the police were  
16 contacted when Pharmacy staff processed three fraudulent prescriptions for narcotics for patients  
17 "Bernardino," "Stokes" and "Jauregui." Ms. Brookes was working and when police arrived, Ms.  
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19 was doing this for Respondent. Ms. Brookes admitted that Respondent had forged the  
20 prescriptions and that Ms. Brookes would arrange for the forged prescriptions to be filled in the  
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22 ready for Respondent to pick up. Respondent would drive to the pharmacy with 2 to 3 people  
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24 not pick up the forged prescriptions herself because she used to work for the Pharmacy and had  
25 been fired.

26           d.       On July 2, 2002 Ms. Brookes telephoned Respondent that her forged  
27 prescriptions were ready for pick up. Respondent drove to the pharmacy where Ms. Brookes was  
28 working. Respondent was accompanied by her 13 year old daughter and a 14 year old female

1 friend of her daughter. Respondent dropped off the two minors at the Pharmacy and the two  
2 minors attempted to pick up the fraudulent prescriptions processed by Ms. Brookes. The two  
3 minors were arrested in the pharmacy and Respondent was arrested in the parking lot. The police  
4 searched Respondent's house and found an unmarked bottle of Vicodin which Respondent  
5 admitted she did not have a valid prescription for and which she had obtained fraudulently.

#### 6 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

7 (Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to the  
8 Qualifications, Functions, or Duties of a Pharmacy Technician)

9 17. Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct  
10 under section 490 in that Respondent has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the  
11 qualifications, functions, or duties of a Pharmacy Technician as specified in paragraph 16 above,  
12 which allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

#### 13 THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

14 (Acts Involving Moral Turpitude and Dishonesty)

15 18. Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct  
16 under section 4301(f) for the commission of acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud and  
17 deceit in that she forged prescriptions as specified in paragraph 16 above, which allegations are  
18 realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

#### 19 FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

20 (Forging Prescriptions)

21 19. Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct  
22 under section 4324 in that she forged prescriptions to illegally obtain controlled substances as  
23 specified in paragraph 16 above, which allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by  
24 reference.

#### 25 FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

26 (Possession of a Controlled Substance)

27 20. Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct  
28 under section 4060 in that she possessed a controlled substance without a valid prescription as

1 specified in paragraph 16 above, which allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by  
2 reference.

### 3 SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

4 (Violation of Statutes)

5 21. Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct  
6 under section 4301(j) for violating statutes of this state regulating controlled substances and  
7 dangerous drugs whereby Respondent forged prescriptions as specified in paragraph 16 above,  
8 which allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

### 9 SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

10 (Violation of Statutes)

11 22. Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct  
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15 federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by  
16 the board provision statutes of this state regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs  
17 when Respondent forged prescriptions as specified in paragraph 16 above, which allegations are  
18 realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

### 19 EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

20 (General Unprofessional Conduct)

21 23. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct  
22 under section 4301(p) for actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license as  
23 specified in paragraph 16 above, which allegations are realleged and incorporated herein by  
24 reference.

### 25 DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

26 24. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on  
27 Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about July 25, 2002, Respondent pled guilty to  
28 Count 1, Health and Safety Code section 11350(a), possession of a controlled substance, a



1 felony; and Count 2, Health and Safety Code section 11173(a), obtaining a prescription by fraud  
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6 \$100; restitution fee of \$200; attend and successfully complete a substance abuse and after care  
7 counseling program; attend AA meetings; and have no contact with codefendant Marie Brookes.  
8 The record of the criminal proceeding is incorporated as if fully set forth.

9 PRAYER

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

12 A. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH  
13 34993 issued to VEDA VALENCIA;

14 B. Ordering VEDA VALENCIA to pay the Board of Pharmacy the  
15 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case pursuant to Business and  
16 Professions Code section 125.3; and

17 C. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

18 DATED: 12/2/04

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**STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT**

[Gov. Code §§ 11504, 11505(b)]

16  
17 **TO RESPONDENT:**

18 Enclosed is a copy of the Accusation that has been filed with the Board of  
19 Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Board), and which is hereby served on you.

20 Unless a written request for a hearing signed by you or on your behalf is delivered  
21 or mailed to the Board, represented by Deputy Attorney General Rita M. Lane, within fifteen (15)  
22 days after a copy of the Accusation was personally served on you or mailed to you, you will be  
23 deemed to have waived your right to a hearing in this matter and the Board may proceed upon the  
24 Accusation without a hearing and may take action thereon as provided by law.

25 The request for hearing may be made by delivering or mailing one of the enclosed  
26 forms entitled "Notice of Defense," or by delivering or mailing a Notice of Defense as provided  
27 in section 11506 of the Government Code, to

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7                   You may, but need not, be represented by counsel at any or all stages of these  
8                   proceedings.

9                   The enclosed Notice of Defense, if signed and filed with the Board, shall be  
10                  deemed a specific denial of all parts of the Accusation, but you will not be permitted to raise any  
11                  objection to the form of the Accusation unless you file a further Notice of Defense as provided in  
12                  section 11506 of the Government Code within fifteen (15) days after service of the Accusation  
13                  on you.

14                 If you file any Notice of Defense within the time permitted, a hearing will be held  
15                 on the charges made in the Accusation.

16                 The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are  
17                 obliged to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1350 Front Street, Suite 6022, San  
18                 Diego, California 92101, within ten (10) working days after you discover the good cause. Failure  
19                 to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days will deprive you of a  
20                 postponement.

21                 Copies of sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 of the Government Code are  
22                 enclosed.

23                 If you desire the names and addresses of witnesses or an opportunity to inspect  
24                 and copy the items mentioned in section 11507.6 of the Government Code in the possession,  
25                 custody or control of the Board you may send a Request for Discovery to the above designated  
26                 Deputy Attorney General.

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Any stipulation must be consistent with the Board's established disciplinary guidelines; however, all matters in mitigation or aggravation will be considered. A copy of the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines will be provided to you on your written request to the state agency bringing this action.

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

VEDA VALENCIA, TCH  
aka VEDA PADILLA BARAJAS

Respondent.

Case No. 2671

**NOTICE OF DEFENSE**

[Gov. Code §§ 11505 and 11506]

I, the undersigned Respondent in the above-entitled proceeding, hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Accusation; Statement to Respondent; Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7, Complainant's Request for Discovery; and two copies of a Notice of Defense.

I hereby request a hearing to permit me to present my defense to the charges contained in the Accusation.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Name

Respondent's Signature

Respondent's Mailing Address

City, State and Zip Code

Respondent's Telephone Number

**Check appropriate box:**

- ☐ I am represented by counsel, whose name, address and telephone number appear below:

Counsel's Name

Counsel's Mailing Address

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Counsel's Telephone Number

- ☐ I am not now represented by counsel. If and when counsel is retained, immediate notification of the attorney's name, address and telephone number will be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearing and a copy sent to counsel for Complainant so that counsel will be on record to receive legal notices, pleadings and other papers.

The agency taking the action described in the Accusation may have formulated guidelines to assist the administrative law judge in reaching an appropriate penalty. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines by requesting them from the agency in writing.

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**REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY**

[Gov. Code § 11507.6]

17 TO RESPONDENT:

18 Under section 11507.6 of the Government Code of the State of California, parties  
19 to an administrative hearing, including the Complainant, are entitled to certain information  
20 concerning the opposing party's case. A copy of the provisions of section 11507.6 of the  
21 Government Code concerning such rights is included among the papers served.

22 PURSUANT TO SECTION 11507.6 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, YOU  
23 ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO:

- 24 1. Provide the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the  
25 Respondent, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and  
26 2. Provide an opportunity for the Complainant to inspect and make a copy of  
27 any of the following in the possession or custody or under control of the Respondent:

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1                   a.       A statement of a person, other than the Respondent, named in the  
2       initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the  
3       act or omission of the Respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative  
4       proceeding;

5                   b.       A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding  
6       made by any party to another party or persons;

7                   c.       Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the  
8       Respondent and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or  
9       events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;

10                  d.       All writings, including but not limited to reports of mental,  
11       physical and blood examinations and things which the Respondent now proposes to offer  
12       in evidence;

13                  e.       Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be  
14       admissible in evidence, including but not limited to, any patient or hospital records  
15       pertaining to the persons named in the pleading;

16                  f.       Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the Respondent  
17       pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1)  
18       contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of  
19       the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters  
20       perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or  
21       include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or  
22       summary thereof.

23                  For the purpose of this Request for Discovery, "statements" include written  
24       statements by the person, signed, or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic,  
25       mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person,  
26       and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

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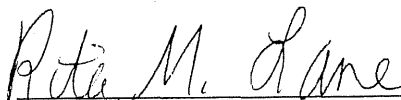
1                   YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that nothing in this Request for  
2 Discovery should be deemed to authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which  
3 is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as attorney's  
4 work product.

5                   Your response to this Request for Discovery should be directed to the undersigned  
6 attorney for the Complainant at the address on the first page of this Request for Discovery **within**  
7 **30 days after service** of the Accusation.

8                   Failure without substantial justification to comply with this Request for Discovery  
9 may subject the Respondent to sanctions pursuant to sections 11507.7 and 11455.10 to 11455.30  
10 of the Government Code.

11 DATED: December 8, 2004

12                   BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General  
13 of the State of California

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15                   RITA M. LANE  
16 Deputy Attorney General

17                   Attorneys for Complainant

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**SECTION 11507.5: Exclusivity of discovery provisions**

The provisions of Section 11507.6 provide the exclusive right to and method of discovery as to any proceeding governed by this chapter.

**SECTION 11507.6: Request for discovery**

After initiation of a proceeding in which a respondent or other party is entitled to a hearing on the merits, a party, upon written request made to another party, prior to the hearing and within 30 days after service by the agency of the initial pleading or within 15 days after the service of an additional pleading, is entitled to (1) obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the other party, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and (2) inspect and make a copy of any of the following in the possession or custody or under the control of the other party:

- (a) A statement of a person, other than the respondent, named in the initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or omission of the respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative proceeding;
- (b) A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or person;
- (c) Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the party and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;
- (d) All writings, including, but not limited to, reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the party then proposes to offer in evidence;
- (e) Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence;
- (f) Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the agency or other party pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this section, "statements" include written statements by the person signed or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

Nothing in this section shall authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as the attorney's work product.

## **SECTION 11507.7: Petition to compel discovery; Order; Sanctions**

(a) Any party claiming the party's request for discovery pursuant to Section 11507.6 has not been complied with may serve and file with the administrative law judge a motion to compel discovery, naming as respondent the party refusing or failing to comply with Section 11507.6. The motion shall state facts showing the respondent party failed or refused to comply with Section 11507.6, a description of the matters sought to be discovered, the reason or reasons why the matter is discoverable under that section, that a reasonable and good faith attempt to contact the respondent for an informal resolution of the issue has been made, and the ground or grounds of respondent's refusal so far as known to the moving party.

(b) The motion shall be served upon respondent party and filed within 15 days after the respondent party first evidenced failure or refusal to comply with Section 11507.6 or within 30 days after request was made and the party has failed to reply to the request, or within another time provided by stipulation, whichever period is longer.

(c) The hearing on the motion to compel discovery shall be held within 15 days after the motion is made, or a later time that the administrative law judge may on the judge's own motion for good cause determine. The respondent party shall have the right to serve and file a written answer or other response to the motion before or at the time of the hearing.

(d) Where the matter sought to be discovered is under the custody or control of the respondent party and the respondent party asserts that the matter is not a discoverable matter under the provisions of Section 11507.6, or is privileged against disclosure under those provisions, the administrative law judge may order lodged with it matters provided in subdivision (b) of Section 915 of the Evidence Code and examine the matters in accordance with its provisions.

(e) The administrative law judge shall decide the case on the matters examined in camera, the papers filed by the parties, and such oral argument and additional evidence as the administrative law judge may allow.

(f) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, the administrative law judge shall no later than 15 days after the hearing make its order denying or granting the motion. The order shall be in writing setting forth the matters the moving party is entitled to discover under Section 11507.6. A copy of the order shall forthwith be served by mail by the administrative law judge upon the parties. Where the order grants the motion in whole or in part, the order shall not become effective until 10 days after the date the order is served. Where the order denies relief to the moving party, the order shall be effective on the date it is served.

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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Case No.: **2671**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and correct and that this declaration was executed on December 8, 2004 in California.

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Carrie L. Johnson  
Declarant

**SENDER:** RML/Carrie Johnson  
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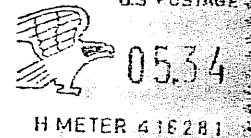


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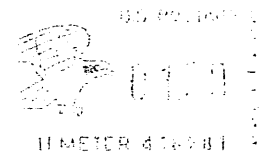
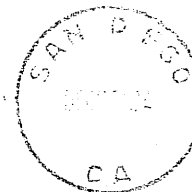
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