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

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Case No. 3206

DENNIS STEVEN TONEY

P.O. Box 6400 Eureka, CA 95502

Pharmacist License No. RPH 35784

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on June 22, 2011.

It is so ORDERED on May 23, 2011.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3206					
11 12	DENNIS STEVEN TONEY P.O. Box 6400	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER					
13	Eureka, CA 95502	DISCH ENVARY ORDER					
	Pharmacist License No. RPH 35784						
14	Respondent.						
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16	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settl	ement of this matter, consistent with the public					
17	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Ph	armacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs,					
18	the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order which will						
19	be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the Accusation.						
20	<u>PARTIES</u>						
21	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant), Exec	cutive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, brought					
22	this action solely in his official capacity, and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris,						
23	Attorney General of the State of California, by Joshua A. Room, Deputy Attorney General.						
24	2. Dennis Steven Toney (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and has						
25	chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.						
26	3. On or about August 25, 1980, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No.						
27	RPH 35784 to Dennis Steven Toney (Responden	at). The License was in full force and effect at all					

times relevant to the charges herein and will expire on June 30, 2012, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 3206 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on December 10, 2010. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3206 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands, the charges and allegations in
 Accusation No. 3206. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands, the effects of this
 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 3206.
- 9. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 35784, issued to Dennis Steven Toney (Respondent), is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and conditions.

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1. Suspension

As part of probation, Respondent is suspended from the practice of pharmacy for ninety (90) days beginning the effective date of this decision. Upon timely provision of documentation by Respondent showing to the satisfaction of the board or its designee that at any time since January 1, 2008, Respondent has not worked as a pharmacist because he was (a) resident in an inpatient treatment program for alcohol and/or drug abuse, or (b) suspended or otherwise prohibited from working as a pharmacist at the direction of the Pharmacists Recovery Program, Respondent may receive credit against this suspension period for such documented period(s) of non-work.

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

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

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

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

2. Tolling of Suspension

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not leave California for any period exceeding ten (10) days, regardless of purpose (including vacation). Any such absence in excess of ten (10) days during suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

Moreover, any absence from California during the period of suspension exceeding ten (10) days shall toll the suspension, i.e., the suspension shall be extended by one day for each day over ten (10) days Respondent is absent from California. During any such period of tolling of suspension. Respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of departure, and must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of return. The failure to provide such notification(s) shall constitute a violation of probation. Upon such departure and return, Respondent shall not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the board that the period of suspension has been satisfactorily completed.

3. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the
 Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled
 substances laws
- a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime
- discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
 which involves Respondent's Pharmacist License or which is related to the practice of
 pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging
 for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

4. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

5. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of forty (40) hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, Respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should Respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of forty (40) hours per calendar month in California, Respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for Respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least forty (40) hours, as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent is practicing for at least forty (40) hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

6. Report to the Board

Respondent shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, Respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

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27· Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. If the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the board.

7. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

8. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

9. Continuing Education

Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the board or its designee.

10. Notification of Change in Employment, Name, Address(es), or Phone(s)

Respondent shall notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent shall further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address, mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

11. Separate File of Records

Respondent shall maintain and make available for inspection a separate file of all records pertaining to the acquisition or disposition of all controlled substances. Failure to maintain such file or make it available for inspection shall be considered a violation of probation.

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12. Supervised Practice

During the period of probation, Respondent shall practice only under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist not on probation with the board. Upon and after the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall not practice pharmacy and his license shall be automatically suspended until a supervisor is approved by the board or its designee. The supervision shall be, as required by the board or its designee, either:

Continuous – At least 75% of a work week

Substantial - At least 50% of a work week

Partial - At least 25% of a work week

Daily Review - Supervisor's review of probationer's daily activities within 24 hours Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall have his

supervisor submit notification to the board in writing stating that the supervisor has read the decision in case number 3206 and is familiar with the required level of supervision as determined by the board or its designee. It shall be the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s), pharmacist-in-charge and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the board. Failure to cause the direct supervisor and the pharmacist-in-charge to submit timely acknowledgements to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent changes employment, it shall be the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s), pharmacist-in-charge and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the board. Respondent shall have his new supervisor, within fifteen (15) days after employment commences, submit notification to the board in writing stating the direct supervisor and pharmacist-in-charge have read the decision in case number 3206 and is/are familiar with the level of supervision as determined by the board. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy and his license shall be automatically suspended until the board or its designee approves a new supervisor. Failure to cause the direct supervisor and the pharmacist-in-charge to submit timely acknowledgements to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

Within ten (10) days of leaving employment, Respondent shall notify the board in writing.

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

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

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

13. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 3206 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking any new employment, Respondent shall cause his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during Respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 3206, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

If Respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent must notify his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the board of the terms and conditions in case number 3206 in advance of Respondent starting work there. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent shall cause his direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that he has read the decision in case number 3206 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause such employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the Respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

14. No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Serving as Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant

During the period of probation, Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the board nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

15. No New Ownership or Management of Licensed Premises

Respondent shall not acquire any new ownership, legal or beneficial interest nor serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any additional business, firm, partnership, or corporation licensed by the board. If Respondent currently owns or has any legal or beneficial interest in, or serves as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board, Respondent may continue to serve in such capacity or hold that interest, but only to the extent of that position or interest as of the effective date of this decision. Violation of this restriction shall be considered a violation of probation.

16. Ethics Course

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall, at his own expense, enroll in a course in ethics approved in advance by the board or its designee.

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Failure to initiate the course during the first year of probation, and complete it within the second year of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

Respondent shall submit a certificate of completion to the board or its designee within five (5) days after completing the course.

17. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent shall pay to the board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$12,120.00, payable in full within the first three (3) years of probation in equal quarterly installments of \$1,010.00. There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the board or its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of his responsibility to reimburse the board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

18. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the board on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

19. Community Services Program

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, a community service program in which Respondent shall provide free health-care related services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency for at least one hundred twenty (120) hours to be completed during the first three (3) years of probation. Within thirty (30) days of board approval thereof, Respondent shall submit documentation to the board demonstrating commencement of the community service program. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request. Respondent shall report on progress with the community service program in the quarterly reports. Failure to timely submit, commence, or comply with the program shall be considered a violation of probation.

20. Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP)

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 addendums with the PRP.

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

Probation shall be automatically extended until Respondent successfully completes the PRP. Any termination from the PRP program shall result in suspension by the board.

Respondent may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the board in writing.

Any confirmed positive test for alcohol or for any drug not lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment shall result in the automatic suspension of practice by Respondent and shall be considered a violation of probation.

Respondent may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the board in writing.

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

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

Failure to comply with any such 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 of probation. The board will collect unpaid administrative fees as part of the annual probation monitoring costs if not submitted to the PRP.

21. Abstain from Drug and Alcohol Possession or Use

Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession or use of alcohol, controlled substances, dangerous drugs and their associated paraphernalia except when the drugs are lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment. Upon request of the board or its designee, Respondent shall provide documentation from the licensed practitioner that the prescription for the drug was legitimately issued and is a necessary part of the treatment of the Respondent. Failure to timely provide such documentation shall be considered a violation of probation. Respondent shall ensure that he is not in the same physical location as individuals who are using illicit substances even if Respondent is not personally ingesting the drugs. Any possession or use of alcohol, controlled substances, or their associated paraphernalia not supported by the documentation timely provided, and/or any physical proximity to persons using illicit substances, shall be considered a violation of probation.

22. Random Drug Screening

Respondent, at his own expense, shall participate in random testing, including but not limited to biological fluid testing (urine, blood), breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or other drug screening program for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotics, dangerous drugs or controlled substances as the board or its designee may direct. Respondent may be required to participate in testing for the entire probation period and frequency of testing will be determined by the board or its designee. At all times, Respondent shall fully cooperate with the board or its designee, and shall, when directed, submit to such tests and samples.

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Failure to timely submit to testing as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

Upon request of the board or its designee, Respondent shall provide documentation from a licensed practitioner that the prescription for a detected drug was legitimately issued and is a necessary part of the treatment of the Respondent. Failure to timely provide such documentation shall be considered a violation of probation. Any confirmed positive test for alcohol or for any drug not lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment shall be considered a violation of probation and shall result in automatic suspension of practice by Respondent. Respondent may not resume practice until notified by the board in writing.

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

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

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

23. Violation of Probation

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

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

License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may tender his license to the board for surrender. The board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the Respondent's license history with the board.

Upon acceptance of surrender, Respondent shall relinquish his pocket and wall license to the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board, including any outstanding costs.

25. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the board or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 3/10/2011

DENNIS STEVEN YONEX Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: 3/15/2011

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California FRANK H. PACOE Supervising Deputy Attorney General

JOSHUA A. ROOM

Deputy Attorney General
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3206

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13	Eureka, CA 95502 A C C U S A T I O N								
14	Pharmacist License No. RPH 35784								
15	Respondent.								
16	Complainant alleges:								
17	<u>PARTIES</u>								
18	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity								
1,9	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.								
20	2. On or about August 25, 1980, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No.								
21	RPH 35784 to Dennis Steven Toney (Respondent). The License was in full force and effect at al								
22	times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2012, unless renewed.								
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24	JURISDICTION								
25	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of								
26	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the								
27	Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.								
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- 4. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].
- 5. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 6. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the suspension, expiration, surrender, 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. Section 4402(a) of the Code provides that any pharmacist license that is not renewed within three years following its expiration may not be renewed, restored, or reinstated and shall be canceled by operation of law at the end of the three-year period.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 7. Section 4301 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of "unprofessional conduct," defined to include, but not be 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.
- (g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.
- (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.
- (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

- (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.
 - (q) Engaging in conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert an investigation of the Board.
- 8. Section 4059 of the Code, in pertinent part, prohibits furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous device except upon the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 9. Section 4060 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished upon a valid prescription/drug order.
- 10. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provides that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or herself.
- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), provides that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11350, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess any controlled substance listed in Schedule II (Health and Safety Code section 11055), subdivision (b) or (c), or any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V, absent a valid prescription.
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11550, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful for any person to use or be under the influence of any controlled substance in Schedule II (Health and Safety Code section 11055), subdivision (b) or (c), or any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V, except when administered by or under the direction of an authorized licensee.

COST RECOVERY

13. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.

- a. Cocaine powder, ordered and/or received on or about March 13, 2007 (two 5 gram bottles), June 15, 2007 (two 5 gram bottles), and October 1, 2007 (two 5 gram bottles);
- b. **Hydromorphone** powder, ordered and/or received on or about June 15, 2007 (one 25 gram bottle), and October 1, 2007 (one 25 gram bottle).
- 20. Other employees of the pharmacy or pharmacies noted and questioned the purchases, and were told by Respondent that the purchased drugs were kept in a separate locked safe in each pharmacy, apart from other controlled substances, to which only Respondent had access.
- 21. On or about November 2, 2007, Redwood Henderson was the subject of an inspection by Board Inspector(s). Respondent was not present during the inspection. During the course of the inspection, Respondent caused a key to be delivered to the pharmacy, with a note specifying it would open the separate locked safe. Inside the safe, the Inspector(s) found two 5 gram bottles of cocaine powder. The bottles were sealed with "pharmacy tape" rather than the seal that would be used by a manufacturer or distributor. The Inspector(s) removed the two bottles as evidence. The Inspector(s) spoke to Respondent by telephone, and Respondent stated that the two bottles found in the safe were the two ordered and/or received in March 2007. He further stated that there were additional bottles of cocaine, and of hydromorphone, located in the safe at Redwood Myrtle.
- 22. On or about November 2, 2007, Redwood Myrtle was the subject of an inspection by Board Inspector(s). Respondent was present during the inspection. Respondent made available for inspection: six 5 gram bottles of **cocaine** powder, all sealed with pharmacy tape, two with a note attached by Respondent indicating they expired; one 100 gram bottle of **hydromorphone** powder, with "outdate" note attached by Respondent (later sealed with pharmacy tape by Board Inspector(s)); and one 25 gram bottle of **hydromorphone** powder (sealed with pharmacy tape). When asked about the types and quantities of drugs, Respondent admitted that these quantities were suspicious, but asserted that he used the **cocaine** powder for compounding "eye drops." When the Inspector(s) asked Respondent to produce prescriptions calling for **cocaine** powder to be used in any form (e.g., for a compounded drug), he was not able to do so. At the Inspector(s)' request, Respondent weighed the contents of the two bottles of **hydromorphone**: the 25 gram bottle contained 24.75 grams of powder; the 100 gram bottle contained 104.47 grams of powder.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS

14. Section 4021 of the Code states:

"Controlled substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code."

15. Section 4022 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

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

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

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

16. Cocaine is a Schedule I (in base/rock/crack form) or Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code sections 11054(f)(1) and 11055(b)(6), and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a narcotic drug.

17. **Hydromorphone** (hydrochloride) is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(b)(1)(K), and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a narcotic drug.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 18. Respondent is or was the proprietor (owner-operator, or chief executive of a corporate owner) of two pharmacies licensed by the Board, both under the name Redwood Pharmacies: the first was issued Pharmacy License No. PHY 40292, and is/was located at 2850 F Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (hereinafter "Redwood Henderson"); the second was issued Pharmacy License No. PHY 45220, and is/was located at 1694 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501 ("Redwood Myrtle").
- 19. Between in or about March 2007 and in or about October 2007, Respondent ordered and received at Redwood Henderson or Redwood Myrtle, or caused to be ordered and received at Redwood Henderson or Redwood Myrtle, the following controlled substances:

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- 23. Inspector(s) removed from Redwood Myrtle all six bottles of **cocaine** powder, and the (overweight) 100 gram bottle of **hydromorphone** powder, as evidence.
- 24. At all times during and following both inspections, Respondent represented to the Inspector(s) that the bottles removed from the pharmacies had the same contents they had when they were received from the manufacturer(s)/distributor(s), and/or did not dispute that impression.
- 25. During and/or the conclusion of the inspection of Redwood Myrtle conducted on or about November 2, 2007, the Board Inspector(s) prepared an Inspection Report describing the evidence collected and the observations made, and a Receipt for the evidence collected. At the direction of the Inspector(s), Respondent signed both of these documents.
- 26. On or about December 18, 2007, the two bottles of **cocaine** powder removed from Redwood Henderson, and the six bottles of **cocaine** powder and one bottle of **hydromorphone** powder removed from Redwood Myrtle, were submitted by Board Inspector(s) for lab analysis.
- 27. On or about January 12, 2008, lab analysis results demonstrated that the bottles that purportedly contained **cocaine** powder instead contained lidocaine powder, and the bottle that purportedly contained **hydromorphone** powder likewise contained another unknown substance.
- 28. On or about September 29, 2008, Respondent spoke to the Board Inspector(s) by telephone. When pressed by the Inspector(s), Respondent admitted that the bottles removed by the Inspector(s) on or about November 2, 2007 no longer had the same contents they had when they were received from the manufacturer(s)/distributor(s). Respondent further admitted that he had replaced the **cocaine** powder in each of the eight 5 gram bottles with lidocaine, and the **hydromorphone** powder in the 100 gram bottle with boric acid. Respondent further admitted that he had used/self-administered the **cocaine** and **hydromorphone** powders in the bottles, that he had been using **hydromorphone** "for years," that the **cocaine** was more for "recreational" use, and that he sometimes used the **cocaine** and the **hydromorphone** together. He further admitted that he still had some **hydromorphone** powder at his home at the time of the inspection(s) on or about November 2, 2007, which he used/self-administered subsequent to the inspection(s).
- 29. Respondent also admitted that he had previously had a drug problem, and that he had been "eight years clean" before he relapsed with the use in and/or prior to 2007.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

30. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(f) of the Code, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 29 above, committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Creation/Signature of False Document(s))

31. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(g) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 29 above, created and/or signed documents that falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration of Controlled Substance(s)/Dangerous Drug(s))

32. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(h) of the Code, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 29 above, administered one or more controlled substances to himself, and/or self-administered and/or used one or more dangerous drugs to the extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or another, or to the extent that the use impaired his ability to conduct his pharmacy practice safely.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing of Controlled Substance(s)/Dangerous Drug(s))

33. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4059 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11170, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 29 above, furnished to himself or another without a valid prescription, and/or conspired to, assisted or abetted furnishing of, controlled substance(s) and/or dangerous drug(s).

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· FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substance(s))

34. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4060 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11350, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 29 above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of, a controlled substance, without a prescription.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtaining Controlled Substance(s) by Fraud, Deceit or Subterfuge)

35. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11173(a), in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 29 above, obtained, conspired to obtain, and/or assisted in or abetted the obtaining of a controlled substance, by fraud, deceit, subterfuge, or concealment of material fact.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration/Use of Controlled Substance)

21. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section(s) 11170 and/or 11550, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 29 above, self-administered/used, conspired to self-administer/use, and/or assisted in/abetted self-administration/use of a controlled substance, without prescription.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Subverting/Attempting to Subvert Board Investigation)

36. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(q) of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 29 above, engaged in conduct that subverted or attempted to subvert an investigation of the Board.

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NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

37. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 18 to 36 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License No. RPH 35784, issued to Dennis Steven Toney (Respondent);
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper.

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