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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3290

JOEL ROBERT SMITH 34937 Acacia Ave. Yucaipa, CA 92399

Original Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 46392

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 July 23, 2010.

It is so ORDERED on June 23, 2010.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3290	
12	JOEL ROBERT SMITH	OAH No. L-2009071022	
	34937 Acacia Ave. Yucaipa, CA 92399	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF	
13	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 46392	LICENSE AND ORDER	
14	Respondent.		
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AG	REED by and between the parties in this	
18	proceeding that the following matters are true:		
19	PAR	TIES	
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.		
21	She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Edmund		
22	G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Kimberley J. Baker-Guillemet,		
23	Deputy Attorney General.		
24	2. Joel Robert Smith (Respondent) is re	epresenting himself in this proceeding and has	
25	chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.		
26.	3. On or about December 3, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		
27	Registration No. TCH 46392 to Joel Robert Smith. The was in full force and effect at all times		
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relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3290 and will expire on May 31, 2010, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 3290 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 June 24, 2009.
Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3290 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

S. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in
Accusation No. 3290. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this
Stipulated Surrender of License and 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.

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7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
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every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
No. 3290, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Pharmacy Technician
Registration No. TCH 46392 for the Board's formal acceptance.

9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an
order accepting the surrender of his Pharmacy Technician Registration without further process.
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CONTINGENCY

10. 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 surrender, 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 Surrender 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.

11 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of
 License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as
 the originals.

14 12. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an
15 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
16 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
17 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order
18 may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing
19 executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
the Board of Pharmacy may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the
following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 46392, issued
 to Respondent Joel Robert Smith is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

14. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration and the acceptance
of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against

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Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

15. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacy Technician in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

16. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both his wall license certificate and, if one was issued, pocket license on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

7 17. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if he ever files an application for
8 licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new
9 application. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for new
10 applications in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations
11 contained in Accusation No. 3290 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent
12 when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

13 18. Should Respondent ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition
14 for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California,
15 all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 3290 shall be deemed to be true,
16 correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other
17 proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

18 19. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in the
amount of \$10,943 (ten thousand nine hundred forty-three dollars) prior to issuance of a new or
reinstated license.

21 20. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for three (3)
22 years from the effective date of the Board of Pharmacy's Decision and Order.

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1	ACCEPTANCE		
2	I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the		
3	stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this		
4	Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to		
5	be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.		
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7	DATED: 01/11/10		
8	JOEL ROBERT SMITH Respondent		
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10	ENDORSEMENT		
11	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted		
12	for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.		
13	Dated: December 28, 2009 Respectfully submitted,		
14	EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Attorney General of California		
15	MARC GREENBAUM Supervising Deputy Attorney General		
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18	KIMBERLEY J. BAKER-GUILLEMET Deputy Attorney General		
19	Attorneys for Complainant		
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3290

1	EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General			
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10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3290			
12	JOEL ROBERT SMITH A C C U S A T I O N 34937 Acacia Ave.			
13	Yucaipa, CA 92399 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH			
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15	Respondent.			
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17	Complainant alleges:			
18	PARTIES			
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her			
20	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer			
21	A ffairs.			
22	2. On or about December 3, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued			
23	Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 46392 to Joel Robert Smith (Respondent). The			
24	Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges			
25	brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2010, unless renewed.			
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1	JURISDICTION		
- 2	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the		
3	following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless		
4	otherwise indicated.		
5	STATUTORY PROVISIONS		
6	4. Section 4300, subdivision (a), states: "Every license issued may be		
7	. suspended or revoked."		
8	5. Section 4301 states, in pertinent part:		
9	"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of		
10	unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or		
]1	issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the		
12	following:		
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]4	"(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud,		
15	deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or		
16	otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.		
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18	"(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the		
19	United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.		
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21	"(0) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or		
22	abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter [the		
23	Pharmacy Law (§ 4000, et seq.)] or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations		
24	governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or		
25	federal regulatory agency."		
26	6. Section 4059, subdivision (a), states:		
27	"A person may not furnish any dangerous drug except upon the prescription of a		
·28	physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to		
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Section 3640.7. A person may not furnish any dangerous device, except upon the prescription
 of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to
 Section 3640.7."

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Section 4060 states, in pertinent part:

"No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a 5 person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or 6 naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a 7 certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 8 2836.1, or a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, a naturopathic doctor pursuant to 9 10 Section 3640.5, or a pharmacist pursuant to either subparagraph (D) of paragraph (4) of, or clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of, subdivision (a) of Section 4052. This 11 section shall not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, 12 wholesaler, pharmacy, pharmacist, physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, 13 naturopathic doctor, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, when in 14 15 stock in containers correctly labeled with the name and address of the supplier or producer.

8. Health and Safety Code section 11158, subdivision (a), states, in pertinent
part: "Except as provided in Section 11159 or in subdivision (b) of this section, no controlled
substance classified in Schedule II shall be dispensed without a prescription meeting the
requirements of this chapter."

9. Health and Safety Code section 11170 states: "No person shall prescribe,
 administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself."

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1.0. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), states:

23 "No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or
24 attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud,
25 deceit. misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact."

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	1	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/DANGEROUS DRUGS
	2	11. Morphine is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health
	3	and Safety Code section 11055, subdivisions (a) and (b)(1)(M), and is a dangerous drug as
	4	defined in section 4022.
	5	12. Hydromorphone is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by
	6	Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivisions (a) and (b)(1)(K), and is a dangerous drug
	7	as defined in section 4022.
	8	13. Section 4022 states, in pertinent part:
	9	"Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for
	10	self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:
	11	"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing
	12	without prescription,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import.
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	14	"(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully
	15	dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."
	16	COST RECOVERY PROVISION
	17	14. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
`	18	administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations
	19	of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
	20	enforcement of the case.
	21	FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
	22	(Unprofessional Conduct/Possession of a Controlled Substance)
	23	15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301,
	24 ·	subdivisions (j) and (o), and 4060, for possessing a controlled substance. The circumstances are
	25	as follows:
	26	a. On or about January 26, 2007, Respondent drove up to a DUI checkpoint,
	27	and a Sheriff's Department officer approached him and spoke to him while he was sitting in his
	28	vehicle. The officer asked Respondent to pull over and step out of the vehicle.
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b. During a pat down search of Respondent, the officer found multiple
 syringes filled with liquid. Respondent admitted to the officer that the syringes were filled with
 Morphine and that he had taken them without authorization from Loma Linda University
 Medical Center Hospital where he worked as a pharmacist assistant. Later, Respondent also
 admitted to the officer that he had a recreational habit of using Morphine intravenously.

c. Respondent was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. The
arrest did not result in a conviction because Respondent successfully participated in a deferred
entry of judgment program.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing a Dangerous Drug/Controlled Substance Without Authorization)
16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301,
subdivisions (j) and (o), and 4059, subdivision (a), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code
sections 11158, subdivision (a), and 11170, for furnishing a dangerous drug/controlled substance
to himself without a prescription or authorization from a prescriber. Complainant refers to and
incorporates all the allegations set forth in paragraphs 15.a. through 15.b, inclusive, as though set
forth fully. The circumstances are as follows:

a. During a period of about two to three months before Respondent's January
26, 2007 arrest for possession of a controlled substance, Respondent had been taking Morphine
and Hydromorphone from Loma Linda University Medical Center Hospital Pharmacy without
authorization for his own recreational use.

b. During his shifts in the IV Room, Respondent would go into the IV hoods
when no one else was present and take 1-2 ml at a time of Morphine or Hydromorphone from
different vials, which had some amount of "overfill" in them.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

25 (Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud, Deceit or Subterfuge)
26 17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301,
27 subdivisions (f), (j) and (o), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11173,
28 subdivision (a), for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, deceit or subterfuge. Complainant

refers to and incorporates all the allegations set forth in paragraphs 15.a. through 15.b, and 16.a.
 through 16.b, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

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

Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH
 46392, issued to Joel Robert Smith.

8 2. Ordering Joel Robert Smith to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the
9 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
10 125.3; and

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

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