

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**VERMONT PHARMACY AND MEDICAL
SUPPLIES; HAKOP DEMIRCHYAN,
OWNER; TRINIDAD M. BAGOYO,
PHARMACIST-IN-CHARGE**

(disassociated as of 3/26/09)
6320 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91606

7843 Melita Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91605
Retail Pharmacy License No. 48275,

TRINIDAD M. BAGOYO
30572 Sparrow Hawk
Canyon Lake, CA 92587
Registered Pharmacist License No. 22293

NARINE ARUTUNYAN
10842 Keswick St.
Sun Valley, CA 91352

323 W. Jackson St., #207
Glendale, CA 91206
Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 86550,

Respondents.

Case No. 3353

OAH No. L-2009051007

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

As to:

**VERMONT PHARMACY AND
MEDICAL SUPPLIES; HAKOP
DEMIRCHYAN, OWNER**

Retail Pharmacy License No. 48275

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 October 21, 2009.

It is so ORDERED September 21, 2009.

Kenneth H. Schell

KENNETH H. SCHELL, BOARD PRESIDENT
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Retail Pharmacy License No. 48275

1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this
2 proceeding that the following matters are true:

3 **PARTIES**

4 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy
5 (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California. She brought this action solely in
6 her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General
7 of the State of California, by Linda L. Sun, Deputy Attorney General.

8 2. Vermont Pharmacy and Medical Supplies; Hakop Demirchyan, Owner, is
9 representing itself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise its right to be represented by
10 counsel.

11 3. On or about October 30, 2006, the Board issued Retail Pharmacy License No. 48275
12 to Respondent. On or about March 26, 2009, Trinidad M. Bagoyo, Pharmacist-In-Charge,
13 disassociated from Respondent. The retail pharmacy license was in full force and effect at all
14 times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3353 and will expire on October 1, 2009,
15 unless renewed.

16 **JURISDICTION**

17 4. Accusation No. 3353 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against
18 Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served
19 on Respondent on May 12, 2009. A copy of Accusation No. 3353 is attached as Exhibit A and
20 incorporated herein by reference.

21 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

22 5. Respondent, through owner Hakop Demirchyan, has carefully read, and understands
23 the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3353. Respondent also has carefully read, and
24 understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

25 6. Respondent is fully aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
26 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at
27 its own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to
28 present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel

1 the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and
2 court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California
3 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

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

6 **CULPABILITY**

7 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
8 No. 3353, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders its Retail Pharmacy
9 License No. 48275 for the Board's formal acceptance.

10 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation, it enables the Board to issue
11 an order accepting the surrender of its Retail Pharmacy License without further process.

12 **CONTINGENCY**

13 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent
14 understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may
15 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or
16 participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that
17 it may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board
18 considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order,
19 the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this
20 paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not
21 be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

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

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

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ORDER

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2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Retail Pharmacy License No. 48275, issued to Respondent
3 Vermont Pharmacy and Medical Supplies; Hakop Demirchyan, Owner, is surrendered and
4 accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

5 13. The surrender of Respondent's Retail Pharmacy License and the acceptance of the
6 surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent.
7 This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's
8 license history with the Board.

9 14. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a retail pharmacy in California as of
10 the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

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

13 16. If Respondent or Hakop Demirchyan ever applies for licensure or petitions for
14 reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure.
15 Respondent or Hakop Demirchyan must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for
16 licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and
17 allegations contained in Accusation No. 3353 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by
18 Respondent or Hakop Demirchyan when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the
19 application or petition.

20 17. Respondent or Hakop Demirchyan shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and
21 enforcement in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) according to a Board-approved
22 installment plan prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3353

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OAH No. L-2009040779

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Retail Pharmacy License No. 48275,

ACCUSATION

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Glendale, CA 91206
23 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 86550,

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25 Respondents.
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1 Complainant alleges:

2 PARTIES

3 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her
4 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Department of
5 Consumer Affairs.

6 2. On or about October 30, 2006, the Board issued Retail Pharmacy License
7 Number 48275 to Vermont Pharmacy and Medical Supplies ("Respondent Vermont Pharmacy"),
8 with Hakop Demirchyan as owner, and Trinidad M. Bagoyo ("Respondent Bagoyo") as
9 Pharmacist-in-Charge. The Retail Pharmacy License was in full force and effect at all times
10 relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 1, 2009, unless renewed. On or
11 about May 11, 2009, an Interim Suspension Order was issued against Respondent Vermont
12 Pharmacy, suspending it from operating as a pharmacy pending a full administrative
13 determination of the charges alleged herein. (Exhibit 1.)

14 3. On or about November 6, 1961, the Board issued Registered Pharmacist
15 License Number 22293 to Respondent Bagoyo. The Registered Pharmacist License was in full
16 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31,
17 2010, unless renewed. On or about May 5, 2009, Respondent Bagoyo signed a "Stipulated
18 Interim Suspension of License", to which she agreed that her Registered Pharmacist License was
19 temporarily suspended pending a full administrative determination of the charges alleged herein.
20 (Exhibit 2.)

21 4. On or about October 17, 2008, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician
22 Registration Number 86550 to Narine Arutunyan ("Respondent Arutunyan"). The Pharmacy
23 Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
24 herein and will expire on January 31, 2010, unless renewed. On or about May 11, 2009, an
25 Interim Suspension Order was issued against Respondent Arutunyan, suspending her from
26 practice pending a full administrative determination of the charges alleged herein. (Exhibit 1.)

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"(c) Gross negligence.

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"(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."

COST RECOVERY

11. Section 125.3, subdivision (a), states, in pertinent part:

"Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department . . . the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlicensed Activities)

12. Respondents Vermont Pharmacy, Bagoyo and Arutunyan are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (o), for violating Code sections 4110, subdivision (a) and 4201, subdivision (f), in that Respondents operated Respondent Vermont Pharmacy without a valid permit, and relocated the pharmacy without Board approval. The circumstances are as follows:

a. On or about November 7, 2008, the Board received a Community Pharmacy Permit Application ("Application") and related documents for change of ownership of Respondent Vermont Pharmacy. The proposed new owner/buyer/president is Armen Grigorian ("Applicant Grigorian"), with Respondent Bagoyo as the Pharmacist-in-Charge, and Respondent Arutunyan as the secretary and co-owner. Pending issuance of a new permit, from about September, 2008 to February, 2009, Applicant Grigorian, Respondent Bagoyo and/or Respondent Arutunyan ordered and dispensed drugs under the former owner's permit. The corporate and

1 financial documents Applicant Grigorian submitted show that the sale of Respondent Vermont
2 Pharmacy had already occurred in October, 2008, and Respondents had been operating
3 Respondent Vermont Pharmacy without Board approval.

4 b. On or about March 4, 2009, the Board received additional documents from
5 Applicant Grigorian, including a new Community Pharmacy Permit Application and related
6 documents, all signed on February 18, 2009, requesting a change of location of Respondent
7 Vermont Pharmacy from 1012 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029 to 6320 Laurel
8 Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91606. Pending Board approval of the change of location,
9 Respondents had already relocated Respondent Vermont Pharmacy to North Hollywood as of
10 about January, 2009.

11 c. On or about March 26, 2009, the Board conducted an inspection of
12 Respondent Vermont Pharmacy at its new location, 6320 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North
13 Hollywood, CA 91606. Applicant Grigorian informed the inspectors that he purchased the
14 pharmacy in September, 2008 and took over the business on October 1, 2008.

15 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 **(Failure to Maintain Pharmacy Records on Licensed Premise)**

17 13. Respondents Vermont Pharmacy, Bagoyo and Arutunyan are subject to
18 disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (o) for violating Code section 4105,
19 subdivision (a), in that during the Board inspection on March 26, 2009, pharmacy records were
20 found on the unlicensed premise in North Hollywood.

21 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

22 **(Gross Negligence)**

23 14. Respondent Bagoyo is subject to disciplinary action under Code section
24 4301, subdivision (c) for gross negligence, the circumstances are as follows:

25 a. On March 26, 2009, during the inspection of the unlicensed premise in
26 North Hollywood, Respondent Bagoyo informed Board inspectors that she knew the pharmacy
27 moved, that she inventoried and packed the drugs but she did not know where the drugs or
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1 pharmacy records were.

2 b. From about September, 2008 to February, 2009, Respondent Bagoyo as
3 Pharmacist-in-Charge, dispensed, ordered drugs and/or otherwise operated or allowed
4 Respondent Vermont Pharmacy to operate without a valid permit.

5 c. In about January, 2009, Respondent Bagoyo as Pharmacist-in-Charge,
6 assisted and/or allowed Respondent Vermont Pharmacy to be relocated without Board approval.

7 **PRAYER**

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

10 1. Revoking or suspending Retail Pharmacy License Number 48275, issued
11 to Vermont Pharmacy and Medical Supplies; Trinidad M. Bagoyo, Pharmacist-in-Charge;


12 2. Revoking or suspending Registered Pharmacy License Number 22293,
13 issued to Trinidad M. Bagoyo;

14 3. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration umber 86550,
15 issued to Narine Arutunyan;

16 4. Order Vermont Pharmacy and Medical Supplies, Trinidad M. Bagoyo and
17 Narinen Arutunyan to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and
18 enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

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

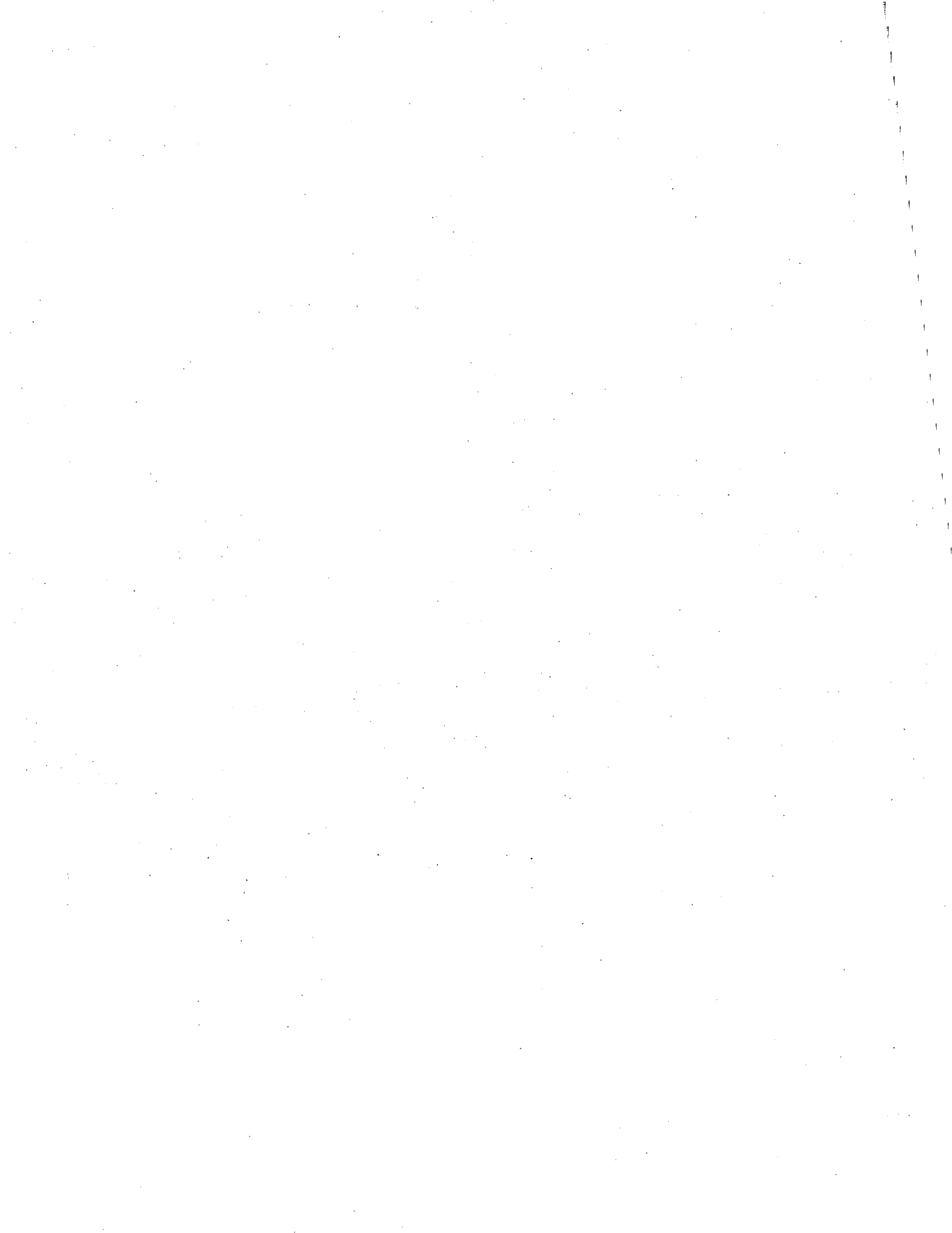
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23 VIRGINIA HEROLD
24 Executive Officer
25 Board of Pharmacy
26 Department of Consumer Affairs
27 State of California
28 Complainant

26 Attachments:
27 Exhibit 1 (Order Granting Interim Suspension)
28 Exhibit 2 (Stipulated Interim Suspension of License)

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EXHIBIT 1



BEFORE THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY
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In the Matter of the Petition for Order of
Interim Suspension Against:

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TRINIDAD M. BAGOYO

Registered Pharmacist License No. 22293,

NARINE ARUTUNYAN

Pharmacy Technician Registration No.
86550,

Respondent.

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OAH No. 2009040779

ORDER GRANTING INTERIM SUSPENSION

On May 8, 2009, at Los Angeles, California, the Petition of Virginia Herold
(Petitioner), Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs
(Board) for issuance of an Interim Order of Suspension, came on for hearing before H. Stuart
Waxman, Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Linda L. Sun, Deputy Attorney General, represented Petitioner.

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Respondents, Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies and Narine Arutunyan. (Respondents) were represented by Herbert L. Weinberg, Attorney at Law. The corporate entity Mr. Weinberg represented was the Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies presently seeking licensure under the new ownership of Armen Grigorian and Narine Arutunyan.

Mr. Weinberg did not represent the presently licensed Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies owned by Hakop Demirchian. No appearance was made by or on behalf of that entity.

Respondent, Trinidad M. Bagoyo, did not appear at the hearing. However, on May 5, 2009, she signed a "Stipulated Interim Suspension of License" agreement, according to which she agreed that her Registered Pharmacist License Number 22293 was temporarily suspended pending the resolution of the administrative proceeding. Ms. Bagoyo having agreed to an interim suspension of her registered pharmacist license, the matter proceeded against Respondents Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies and Narine Arutunyan only.

The written evidence and legal argument submitted by Petitioner¹ having been read, heard and considered, and after oral argument, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following Order:

FACTUAL FINDINGS

The Administrative Law Judge makes the following Factual Findings:

Respondents do not dispute the factual allegations set forth in the Petition for Interim Suspension Order. Those allegations are set forth verbatim below, and are incorporated herein as factual findings.

On or about November 7, 2008, the Board received a Community Pharmacy Permit Application ("Application") for change of ownership of Respondent Vermont Pharmacy from Hakop Demirchian to Armen Grigorian ("Applicant Grigorian") and Respondent Arutunyan. Pending issuance of a new permit, new owners Applicant Grigorian and Respondent Arutunyan, along with Pharmacist-in-Charge Respondent Bagoyo have been operating Respondent Vermont Pharmacy by dispensing and ordering dangerous drugs and controlled substances without a permit, and ha[ve] relocated Respondent Vermont Pharmacy from Los Angeles to North Hollywood without prior Board approval.

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¹ No opposition papers were filed.

1. Petitioner is duly appointed and serving as Executive Officer of the Board, and files this Petition in her official capacity.

2. On or about October 30, 2006, the Board issued Retail Pharmacy License Number 48275 to Respondent Vermont Pharmacy, with Hakop Demirch[y]an as owner and Respondent Bagoyo as Pharmacist-In-Charge. The Retail Pharmacy License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 1, 2009, unless renewed. . . .

3. On or about November 6, 1961, the Board issued Registered Pharmacist License Number 22293 to Respondent Bagoyo. The Registered Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2010, unless renewed. . . .

4. On or about October 17, 2008, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration Number 86550 to Respondent Arutunyan. The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2010, unless renewed. . . .

[¶] . . . [¶]

11. On or about November 7, 2008, the Board received the Application and related documents from Applicant Grigorian for change of ownership for Respondent Vermont Pharmacy. The proposed new owner/buyer/president is Applicant Grigorian, with Respondent Bagoyo as the pharmacist-in-charge, and Respondent Arutunyan as the secretary and co-owner. The seller/former owner is Hakop Demirch[y]an. The Application is still pending before the Board.

12. On the Certification of Personnel submitted along with the Application, Applicant Grigorian signed under penalty of perjury on November 6, 2008 and checked "No" to the following question:

"Have you ever been convicted of, or pled no contest to, a violation of any law of a foreign country, the United States, any state or local jurisdiction? You must include all misdemeanor and felony convictions, regardless of the age of the conviction, including those which have been set aside and/or dismissed under Penal Code section 1000 or 1203.4. (Traffic violations of \$500 or less need not be reported.) If 'yes', please attach an explanation which must include the type of violation, the date, circumstances and location, and the complete penalty received."

13. On or about November 20, 2008, the Board notified Applicant Grigorian that a permit was ready to be issued upon receipt of additional documents from Applicant Grigorian showing that the sale of the pharmacy had occurred.

14. On or about November 24, 2008, the Board received a notification of subsequent arrests and convictions on Applicant Grigorian and referred the case to the Board's enforcement unit for investigation. Subsequent investigation revealed that Applicant Grigorian was convicted of the following crimes but failed to disclose them on the Certification of Personnel. This constitutes a violation of [Business and Professions] Code² section 4301, subdivision (g):

a. On or about August 24, 1990, in the Newport Beach Municipal Court, Applicant Grigorian was convicted of a violation of Penal Code section 12020, subdivision (a) – possess/manufacture/sell dangerous weapon, a misdemeanor;

b. On or about April 26, 1993, in the East Los Angeles Municipal Court, Applicant Grigorian was convicted of a violation of Penal Code section 12025, subdivision (a) – carry concealed weapon in vehicle, a misdemeanor;

c. On or about January 17, 2008, in the Redwood City Municipal Court, Applicant Grigorian was convicted of a violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) – driving under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor.

15. From about September, 2008 to February, 2009, Applicant Grigorian, Respondent Bagoyo and/or Respondent Arutunyan ordered and dispensed drugs without having received a permit from the Board. This is [a] violation of Code sections 4110, subdivision (a) and 4201, subdivision (f).

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² All statutory references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

16. On or about March 4, 2009, the Board received additional documents from Applicant Grigorian, including a new Community Pharmacy Permit application and Certification of Personnel, both signed on February 18, 2009, requesting a change of location. The corporate and financial documents Applicant Grigorian submitted show that the sale of Respondent Vermont Pharmacy had already occurred in October, 2008, and the new owners ha[d] been operating Respondent Vermont Pharmacy without Board approval, a violation of Code sections 4110, subdivision (a) and 4201, subdivision (f). The documents also indicate that Respondent Vermont Pharmacy had already been relocated to 6320 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91606 as of about January, 2009 without Board approval. This constitutes an impermissible transfer of permit, a violation of Code section 4201, subdivision (f).

17. On the new Certification of Personnel, Applicant Grigorian signed under penalty of perjury on February 18, 2009 and checked "No" to the question:

"Have you ever been convicted of, or pled no contest to, a violation of any law of a foreign country, the United States, any state or local jurisdiction? You must include all misdemeanor and felony convictions, regardless of the age of the conviction, including those which have been set aside and/or dismissed under Penal Code section 1000 or 1203.4. (Traffic violations of \$500 or less need not be reported.) If 'yes', please attach an explanation which must include the type of violation, the date, circumstances and location, and the complete penalty received."

As referenced above, subsequent investigation revealed that Applicant Grigorian suffered three (3) convictions but failed to disclose them on the new Certification of Personnel. This constitutes a violation of Code section 4301, subdivision (g).

18. On or about March 26, 2009, the Board conducted an inspection of Respondent Vermont Pharmacy at its new location, 6320 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91606. Applicant Grigorian informed the inspectors that he purchased the pharmacy in September, 2008 and took over the business on October 1, 2008. This is [a] violation of Code section 4110, subdivision (a) and 4201, subdivision (f). Pharmacy records were found on the unlicensed premise[s] in North Hollywood, a violation of Code section 4105, subdivision (a).

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19. During a telephonic interview with Board inspectors on March 26, 2009. Respondent Bagoyo confirmed that she knew the pharmacy moved, and she inventoried and packed the drugs but did not know where the drugs or pharmacy records were. This constitutes gross negligence and a violation of Code section 4301, subdivision (c). Respondent Bagoyo also violated Code section 4201, subdivision (f) by allowing former owner Hakop Demirchyan to transfer ownership to Applicant Grigorian without Board approval, and by allowing Respondent Vermont Pharmacy to operate without a permit.

20. During the inspection, Pharmacist and Technician Marine Khachatryan³ (TCH-27156), speaking on behalf of owner Respondent Arutunyan, informed the Board inspectors that the pharmacy was properly licensed and showed the inspectors a renewal permit which belonged to Respondent Vermont Pharmacy under the former ownership.

21. Board inspectors issued Applicant Grigorian a cease-and-desist order until such time as Respondent Vermont Pharmacy was properly licensed, and ordered the records and computers be moved to a Board-licensed premise.

[¶] ... [¶]

22. Applicant Grigorian, Respondent Bagoyo and Respondent Arutunyan have been ordering and dispensing controlled substances and dangerous drugs without a valid permit since September, 2008, and had relocated Respondent Vermont Pharmacy to an unlicensed premise[s] without prior Board approval. The Applications for change of ownership and location are currently under investigation because Applicant Grigorian failed to disclose three (3) convictions in the Application.

LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

1. Respondents have engaged in acts or omissions constituting violations of the California Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.).

2. Permitting Respondents to continue to engage in the licensed activity would endanger the public health, safety and/or welfare.

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³ Pharmacist Technician Marine Khachatryan is not charged in this Petition.

3. As indicated above, Respondent Bagoyo stipulated to an interim suspension of her pharmacist's license. Respondents Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies and Narine Arutunyan made the following arguments in opposition to the Petition for Interim Suspension Order:

a. The violations that occurred were inadvertent and were due to poor understanding of the English language by Respondent Arutunyan and Applicant Grigorian. The application was filled out by a consultant and was signed without reading it.

b. Respondent Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies is not open for business and is not yet licensed. Therefore, its license cannot be suspended by an interim suspension order.

c. Respondent Arutunyan is the sole owner of the shares of the corporate entity seeking licensure. Respondent Arutunyan is not presently working.

d. Approximately 1.5 years ago, the Board changed its policy by declining to issue a permit for change of ownership of a pharmacy until after the pharmacy, under the prior ownership, has closed. Therefore, new owners operating under the old permit does not constitute a violation of the pharmacy law.

e. Respondents concede that Respondent Bagoyo was not on-site performing her duties as pharmacist-in-charge while Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies was operating under new ownership. They argue, however, that under California law, a pharmacy may operate without a pharmacist-in-charge for 120 days.

f. Although the new owners moved the pharmacy without a permit to do so, they did not sell drugs at the new location, and no drugs were ever present in the new location. In fact, at the time of the March 26, 2009 inspection, no sign was posted to indicate that a pharmacy was present at that location.

g. Respondents' counsel offered to present testimony to support the above arguments.

4. Respondents' arguments were not persuasive for the following reasons:

a. Respondents were responsible for the accuracy of all documents submitted to the Board. The facts that the consultant provided inaccurate information and that Respondents failed to read the documents, or translated for them, before signing, inures to their detriment in that they are vicariously liable for the wrongdoing of their agent. (*Rob-Mac, Inc. v. Department of Motor Vehicles* (1983) 148 Cal.App.3d 793, 797; *Camacho v. Youde* (1979) 95 Cal.App.3d 161, 165.)

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b. Respondents are correct that the Board cannot suspend the pharmacy's license held by the new owners because the application for that license is still pending, and the license has not been issued. However, the Board does not seek to suspend that unissued license. It seeks to suspend the presently existing license held by Hakop Demirch[yan].

c. Respondents concede that, although Respondent Arutunyan is not presently working, she is not precluded from doing so at any time.

d (1). Respondents offered no evidence to support their claim that the Board has changed its policy regarding pharmacy closure prior to the issuance of a change of ownership permit. However, regardless of whether the Board requires closure of a pharmacy before permitting a change of ownership, the clear language of the statute controls. Code section 4110, states in relevant part:

(a) No person shall conduct a pharmacy in the State of California unless he or she has obtained a license from the board. A license shall be required for each pharmacy owned or operated by a specific person. A separate license shall be required for each of the premises of any person operating a pharmacy in more than one location. The license shall be renewed annually. The board may, by regulation, determine the circumstances under which a license may be transferred.

(b) The board may, at its discretion, issue a temporary permit, when the ownership of a pharmacy is transferred from one person to another, upon the conditions and for any periods of time as the board determines to be in the public interest.

d (2). The statute prohibits an entity from operating a pharmacy until it has been licensed to do so by the Board, except when the Board issues a temporary permit allowing the entity to operate pending license application approval. The issuance of a temporary permit is within the Board's discretion. Respondents were prohibited from operating or moving Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies because they were neither licensed nor permitted to do so.

d (3). The fact that Respondent Arutunyan and Applicant Grigorian held themselves out as the owners of Respondent Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies, and ordered and dispensed controlled substances and dangerous drugs through that pharmacy while their license application was pending, reinforces the importance of suspending the license of Respondent Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies in order to protect the public pending the final disposition of this case,

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e. Respondents are correct that a pharmacy may operate without a designated pharmacist-in-charge for a period not to exceed 120 days. However, during the period that the pharmacy is so operating, an interim pharmacist-in-charge must be designated. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1709.1, subd. (e).) That was not done in this case. Further, the designation and presence of a pharmacist-in-charge presupposes proper licensure or a temporary permit to operate. In this case, Respondents held neither a pharmacy license nor a temporary permit. They were therefore not authorized to operate a pharmacy whether or not a designated pharmacist-in-charge was on site.

f. The facts in the Petition for Interim Suspension Order to which Respondents stipulated as true belie their argument that drugs were not sold from the Laurel Canyon location. Paragraph 16 of the Petition alleges that the pharmacy's location was moved from the Los Angeles address to the North Hollywood address "as of about January, 2009 . . ." and that Applicant Grigorian, Respondent Bagoyo and/or Respondent Arutunyan ordered and dispensed drugs, without a permit issued by the Board, between approximately September 2008 and February 2009. Further, even had Respondents been correct that no drugs were ordered or dispensed from the North Hollywood location, that fact could serve only as a factor in mitigation to the numerous and serious violations of the pharmacy law that occurred in this case.⁴

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⁴ Respondents are correct that no drugs were located on the premises in North Hollywood at the time of the March 26, 2009 inspection, and no sign was posted indicating the presence of a pharmacy. Those facts also constitute factors in mitigation. However, the facts offered in mitigation are insufficient to overcome the evidence favoring interim license suspensions in this case.

g. Although Respondent's counsel stated in his argument that he could offer witnesses to testify in support of his argument, no attempt to do so was made either by way of live testimony or by way of declaration or affidavit. Therefore, any factual claims made in Respondents' argument were unsupported by the evidence. Further, unlike Government Code section 11529⁵, which provides the Administrative Law Judge discretion to allow oral testimony during the hearing, Business and Professions Code section 494, under which the present action has been brought, allows no such discretion⁶.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

1. The Petition for Interim Order of Suspension is granted.

2. Retail Pharmacy License No. 48275, issued to Respondent, Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies, and Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 86550, issued to Respondent Narine Arutunyan, and all licensing rights appurtenant thereto, are suspended pending a full administrative determination of Respondents' fitness to practice pharmacy.

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⁵ Government Code section 11529 addresses petitions for interim suspension orders brought against physicians and members of the allied health professions.

⁶ Government Code section 11529, subdivision (c)(3), states in relevant part: "The discretion of the administrative law judge to permit testimony at the hearing conducted pursuant to this section shall be identical to the discretion of a superior court judge to permit testimony at a hearing conducted pursuant to Section 527 of the Code of Civil Procedure." Business and Professions Code section 494 does not contain a similar provision. Pursuant to subdivision (d) of that statute, a respondent's rights at the hearing on a petition for interim suspension order are limited to the following: "(d) At the hearing on the petition for an interim order, the licentiate may: (1) Be represented by counsel. (2) Have a record made of the proceedings, copies of which shall be available to the licentiate upon payment of costs computed in accordance with the provisions for transcript costs for judicial review contained in Section 11523 of the Government Code. (3) Present affidavits and other documentary evidence. (4) Present oral argument."

3. Respondents, and, in the case of Vermont Pharmacy & Medical Supplies, its owners, operators, officers and/or directors, shall not:

a. Practice or attempt to practice any aspect of pharmacy in the State of California until the decision of the Board following an administrative hearing;

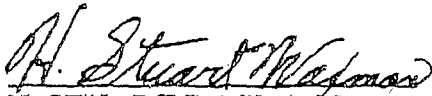
b. Be present in any location which is maintained for the purpose of pharmacy, or at which pharmacy is practiced, for any purpose, except as a patient;

c. Advertise, by any means, or hold themselves out as practicing or available to practice pharmacy.

4. Respondents shall, within seven days of the date of this order, deliver to the Board, or its agent, for safekeeping pending a final administrative order of the Board in this matter, all indicia of licensure as a pharmacy and/or pharmacy technician, including, but not limited to, their wall certificates and wallet cards issued by the Board.

5. Petitioner shall, within 15 days of the issuance of this order, file and serve an Accusation in conformance with Government Code section 11505, against Respondents on the charges herein alleged.

DATED: May 11, 2009


H. STUART WAXMAN
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Case Name: VERMONT PHARMACY & MEDICAL
SUPPLIES; TRINIDAD M. BAGOYO;
NARINE ARUTUNYAN

OAH No.: 2009040779

I, Rosario Magalit, declare as follows: I am over 18 years of age and am not a party to this action. I am employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings. My business address is 320 W. Fourth Street, Suite 630, Los Angeles, California. On May 11, 2009, I served a copy of the following document(s) in the action entitled above:

ORDER GRANTING INTERIM SUSPENSION

to each of the person(s) named below at the addresses listed after each name by the following method(s):

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United States Mail. I enclosed the document(s) in a sealed envelope or package addressed to the person(s) at the address(es) listed above, and placed the envelope or package for collection and mailing, in accordance with the Office of Administrative Hearings' ordinary business practices, in Los Angeles, California. I am readily familiar with the Office of Administrative Hearings' practice for collecting and processing documents for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope or package with postage fully prepaid (by certified mail).

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. This declaration was executed at Los Angeles, California on May 11, 2009:

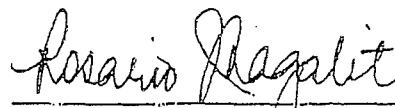
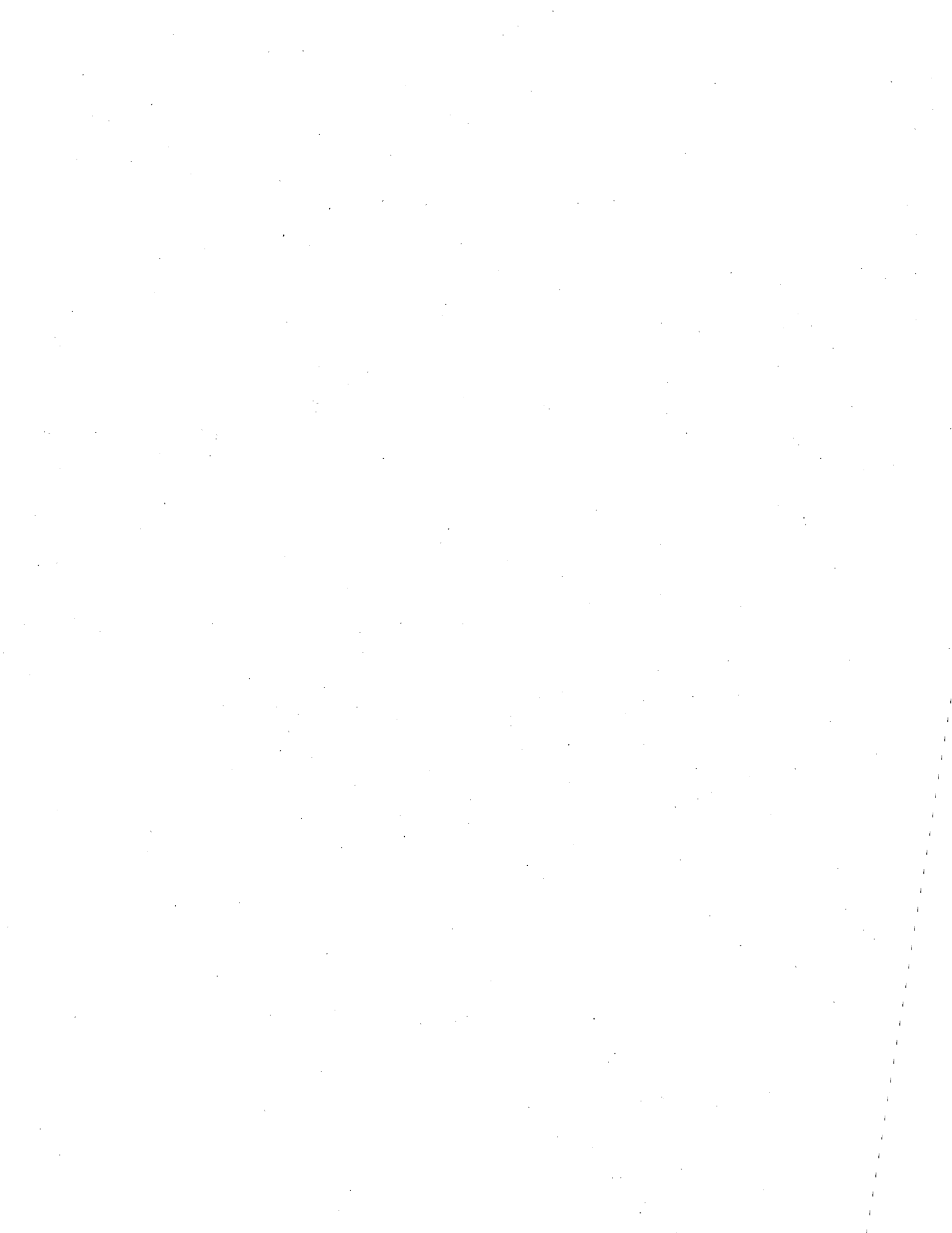

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EXHIBIT 2



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

12 In the Matter of the Interim Suspension Order
Against:

13 **VERMONT PHARMACY & MEDICAL**
SUPPLIES;
14 **TRINIDAD M. BAGOYO**, Pharmacist-in-Charge
1012 N. Vermont Ave.
15 Los Angeles, CA 90029

16 6320 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91606
17 Retail Pharmacy License No. 48275,

18 **TRINIDAD M. BAGOYO**
30572 Sparrow Hawk
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20 **NARINE ARUTUNYAN**
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23 Glendale, CA 91206
Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 86550,
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26 Respondents.

Case No. 3353

**STIPULATED INTERIM
SUSPENSION OF LICENSE**

As to:

TRINIDAD M. BAGOYO, Respondent

Date: May 8, 2009

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: Office of Administrative Hearings
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 630
Los Angeles, CA 90013

1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties
2 specified in this agreement that the following matters are true:

3 PARTIES

4 1. Virginia Herold ("Petitioner") is the Executive Officer of the Board of
5 Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs ("Board"), State of California. She brought this
6 action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr.,
7 Attorney General of the State of California, by Linda L. Sun, Deputy Attorney General.

8 2. On or about November 6, 1961, the Board issued Registered Pharmacist
9 License Number 22293 to Trinidad M. Bagoyo ("Respondent Bagoyo"). The Registered
10 Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein
11 and will expire on May 31, 2010, unless renewed.

12 3. Respondent Bagoyo is representing herself in this proceeding and has
13 chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.

14 JURISDICTION

15 4. *In the Matter of the Petition for Interim Suspension Order Against*
16 *Vermont Pharmacy and Medical Supplies et. al.* ("Petition"), Case No. 3353 was filed before the
17 Board, and is currently pending against Respondent Bagoyo.

18 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

19 5. Respondent Bagoyo has carefully read, and understands the charges and
20 allegations in the Petition, Case No. 3353. Respondent Bagoyo has also carefully read, and
21 understands the effects of this Stipulated Interim Suspension of License.


22 6. Respondent Bagoyo is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter,
23 including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Petition; the right to be
24 represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to present affidavits, documentary evidence
25 and oral argument at the hearing; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative
26 Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

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1 IT IS SO STIPULATED

2 I have carefully read and fully understand the stipulations set forth above. I
3 understand that as a result of this Stipulated Interim Suspension of License, the Board of
4 Pharmacy will issue a decision which includes findings that may subject my license to discipline.
5 I enter into this Stipulated Interim Suspension of License voluntarily, knowingly, and
6 intelligently, and agree to be bound by the conditions in this agreement.

7 DATED: 5/5/09

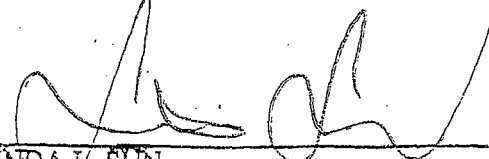
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9 TRINIDAD M. BAGYO
10 Respondent

11 IT IS SO STIPULATED

12 DATED: 5/6/09

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