- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business and Professions Code section 124.
- 5. On or about August 16, 2010, the copies of the aforementioned documents sent by Certified Mail were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "ANK" (Addressee Not Known).
 - 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
 - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service on him of the Accusation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 3649.
 - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
 - (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 3649, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3649, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.
- 10. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement are \$2,500.00 as of September 13, 2010.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Gregory Julian Robinson II has subjected his Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 75222 to discipline.
 - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

- 3. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:
- a. In violation of Business and Professions Code section 4301(f), Respondent did acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, including: After being pulled over for excessive driving speed on July 1, 2009, Respondent was found to be in possession of 326 tablets of Hydrocodone with APAP (Norco, Vicodin, and/or generic equivalent(s)), 2.1 grams of marijuana, and marijuana paraphernalia. Respondent admitted that the Hydrocodone and the marijuana were his, and admitted he did not have a medical marijuana authorization. He told the officer(s) that he had a prescription for the Hydrocodone, but subsequently admitted to Board Inspector(s) he did not have a prescription, and had purchased them "from a friend." An audit of the Safeway Pharmacy by which Respondent was employed for the period May 2009 to May 2010 discovered shortages of 16,329 tablets of Hydrocodone drug products.
- b. In violation of Business and Professions Code section 4301(h), as described above, on one or more occasions Respondent administered controlled substances to himself;
- c. In violation of Business and Professions Code section(s) 4301(j), (o) and/or 4059, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11170, Respondent, as described above, furnished to himself or another without valid prescription, and/or conspired to furnish, and/or assisted or abetted furnishing of, controlled substance(s);
- e. In violation of Business and Professions Code section(s) 4301(j), (o) and/or 4060, and/or Health and Safety Code section(s) 11350 and/or 11357, Respondent, as described above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of, a controlled substance, without a valid prescription;
- f. In violation of Business and Professions Code section(s) 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or Health and Safety Code section 11173(a), Respondent, as described 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;

1	g. In violation of Business and Professions Code section 4301, Respondent, as described		
2	above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.		
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4	ORDER 11		
5	IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 75222, heretofore issued		
6	to Respondent Gregory Julian Robinson II, is revoked.		
7	Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a		
8	written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within		
9	seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may		
10	vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.		
11	This Decision shall become effective on February 17, 2011.		
12	It is so ORDERED January 18, 2011.		
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15	STANLEY C. WEISSER, BOARD PRESIDENT		
16	FOR THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
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19	Attachment:		
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3649

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7	BEFORE THE		
8	BOARD OF PHARMACY		
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3649	
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12	GREGORY JULIAN ROBINSON II 1601 Broadway Street, # 418		
13	Concord, CA 94520	ACCUSATION	
	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 75222		
14	Respondent		
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16	Complainant alleges:		
17	<u>PARTIES</u>		
18	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity		
19	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
20	2. On or about April 6, 2007, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		
21	License No. TCH 75222 to Gregory Julian Robinson II (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician		
22	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will		
23	expire on November 30, 2010, unless renewed.		
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25	<u> JURISDICTION</u>		
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of		
.27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the		
28	Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.		
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- 4. Section 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. Section 4402(e) of the Code provides that any other license issued by the Board may be canceled by the Board if not renewed within 60 days after its expiration, and any license canceled in this fashion may not be reissued but will instead require a new application to seek reissuance.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY 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.
- (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.

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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.

- 8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, provides that a crime or act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness to perform the functions authorized by the license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provides that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or herself.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Health and Safety Code section 11357, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful for any person to possess marijuana or concentrated cannabis.

COST RECOVERY

15. 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.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS

16. 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."

17. 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."

- 18. Norco, Vicodin, Vicodin ES, Lortab, and Lorcet are among the brand names for compounds of varying dosages of acetaminophen (aka APAP) and hydrocodone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4) and dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. The varying compounds are also known generically as Hydrocodone with APAP. These are all narcotic drugs.
- 19. Marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11054(d)(13), and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a hallucinogenic drug.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 20. For the time period including between on or about July 1, 2009 and on or about June 8, 2010, Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a Safeway Pharmacy in Dublin, CA (# 1932; PHY 45718), where he had access to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- 21. On or about July 1, 2009, an automobile driven by Respondent was pulled over by the California Highway Patrol after Respondent was observed driving recklessly and at an excessive rate of speed. Respondent was detained and his vehicle was impounded.

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- 22. During an inventory search of the vehicle, the officer(s) discovered a clear plastic zip-loc bag containing 326 tablets of Hydrocodone with APAP (generic, Norco, or Vicodin). The officer(s) also found 2.1 grams of marijuana, a pipe with marijuana residue, 11 pipe screens, and a metal grinder for marijuana. Respondent admitted to the officer(s) that the tablets and the marijuana were his. He admitted that he did not have a medical marijuana card. Respondent told the officer(s) that the tablets were prescribed for back pain and that he had a prescription at home. Respondent was arrested and taken into custody on suspicion of violating Vehicle Code section 23103 (Reckless driving), Vehicle Code section 23222, subdivision (b) (Possession of less than one ounce of marijuana while driving), and Business and Professions Code section 4060 (Possession of controlled substance without a valid prescription).
- 23. In subsequent interview(s) with Board Inspector(s), Respondent first reasserted his claim that the **Hydrocodone with APAP** drug(s) found in his possession had been prescribed for him. When pressed for the name of his prescribing physician, however, Respondent subsequently admitted that he did not have a prescription for the **Hydrocodone with APAP** drug(s). He said that he had purchased them "from a friend," whose name Respondent declined to provide.
- 24. A subsequent audit of the Schedule III controlled substances stock of the Safeway Pharmacy by which Respondent was employed (# 1932; PHY 45718), for the period from May 2009 to May 2010 could not account for the controlled substance losses of approximately 16,329 dosage units (tablets) of **Hydrocodone with APAP** drug(s) of the type possessed by Respondent.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

25. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(f) of the Code, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 20 to 24 above, committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration of Controlled Substance(s))

26. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(h) of the Code, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 20 to 24 above, administered one or more controlled substances to himself, including marijuana and/or Hydrocodone with APAP products.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing of Controlled Substance(s))

27. 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 20 to 24 above, furnished to himself or another without a valid prescription, and/or conspired to furnish, and/or assisted or abetted furnishing of, a controlled substance.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substance(s))

28. 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(s) 11350 and/or 11357, in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 20 to 24 above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of, a controlled substance, without a prescription or unlawfully.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtaining Controlled Substance by Fraud, Deceit or Subterfuge)

29. 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 20 to 24 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.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 1 (Unprofessional Conduct) 2 Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that 3 Respondent, as described in paragraphs 20 to 29 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct. 4 5 6 PRAYER 7 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, 8 and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision: 9 Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 75222, issued 10 to Gregory Julian Robinson II (Respondent); 11 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and 12 enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; 13 Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper. 14 3. 15 16 17 Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy 18 Department of Consumer Affairs State of California 19 Complainant 20 SF2010200576 21 20298888.doc 22 23 24 25 26 27 28