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

	In	the	Matter	of the	Accusation	Against:
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Case No. 3807

JOLENE ANTONETTE FREITAS 40761 Sundale Drive Fremont, CA 94538

Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 40917

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 May 11, 2011.

It is so ORDERED April 11, 2011.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA						
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3807						
11	JOLENE ANTONETTE FREITAS						
12	40761 Sundale Drive Fremont, CA 94538 STIPULATED SURRENDER OF						
13	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 40917  LICENSE AND ORDER						
14	Respondent.						
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16	In the interest of a prompt and speedy resolution of this matter, consistent with the public						
17	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs						
18	the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Surrender of License and Order which will be						
19	submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the Accusation.						
20	<u>PARTIES</u>						
21	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant), Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, brough						
22	this action solely in her 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. Jolene Antonette Freitas (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding and						
25	has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.						
26	3. On or about March 29, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician						
27	License No. TCH 40917 to Respondent. The License was in full force and effect at all times						
28	relevant to the charges in Accusation No. 3807 and will expire on June 30, 2011, unless renewed						

#### JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 3807 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 November 5, 2010. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3807 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands, the charges and allegations in
   Accusation No. 3807. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands, the effects of this
   Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her 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 her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her 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. 3807, agrees that cause exists for discipline, and hereby surrenders her Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 40917 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Pharmacy Technician License without further process.

## 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

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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 she may not withdraw her 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. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this stipulation, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 Surrender of License and 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.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 40917, issued to Respondent Jolene Antonette Freitas, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 14. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against 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 her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

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- 17. Respondent may not apply, reapply, or petition for any licensure or registration of the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 18. If Respondent ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 3807 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.
- 19. If Respondent ever applies or reapplies for a new license or certification, or petitions for reinstatement of a license, from or by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 3807 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.
- 20. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$2,072.50 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

### **ACCEPTANCE**

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

DATED:	9-31-11	Colene antonette Frestas Respondent
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#### **ENDORSEMENT**

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

Dated: 3/2/201

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joshua A. Room Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3807

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20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.						
21	2. On or about March 29, 2002, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician						
22	License Number TCH 40917 to Jolene Antonette Freitas (Respondent). The Pharmacy						
23	Technician License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein						
24	and will expire on June 30, 2011, unless renewed.						
25	JURISDICTION						
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.						

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 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:
- (h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, 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.

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- 8. 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.
- 9. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provides that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or herself.
- 10. Health and Safety Code section 11364, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess an opium pipe or other paraphernalia used to inject or smoke controlled substances.
- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11377, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess any controlled substance in Schedule II, subdivision (d), without a 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 (d)(1) or (d)(2), or any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V, except when administered by or under the direction of an authorized licensee.
- 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.

### 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.

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16. Methamphetamine is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(d)(2) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a stimulant drug.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

17. On or about August 19, 2009, Respondent was contacted in her residence by officers from the Fremont Police Department. Respondent admitted to **methamphetamine** possession and use two days prior. She further admitted to having a pipe for smoking **methamphetamine** in the house, which was discovered in a further search by the officers.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration of Controlled Substance)

18. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(h) of the Code, in that Respondent, as described in paragraph 17 above, self-administered **methamphetamine**, a controlled substance, on or about August 17, 2009.

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substance)

19. 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 11377 in that Respondent, as described in paragraph 17 above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of methamphetamine, a controlled substance, without a prescription.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Drug Paraphernalia)

20. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o), and/or Health and Safety Code section 11364, in that Respondent, as described in paragraph 17 above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### FOURTH 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 paragraph 17 above, self-administered/used, conspired to self-administer/use, and/or assisted in/abetted self-administration/use of a controlled substance, without prescription.

#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

22. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 17-21 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

## <u>PRAYER</u>

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 Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 40917, issued to Jolene Antonette Freitas (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.

DATED: 11/2/10

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer

Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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