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

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Case No. 4037

ZAIDA JOHNSON

5711 Charlotte Place Palmdale, CA 93552

Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 27183

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 March 3, 2013.

It is so ORDERED on January 31, 2013.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Stipulated Surrender of License (Case No. 4037)1

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3. On or about September 23, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 27183 to Zaida Johnson (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4037 and will expire on March 31, 2012, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 4037 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 6, 2012. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 4037 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4037. 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. 4037, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders her Pharmacy Technician-Registration No. TCH 27183 for the Board's formal acceptance.

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9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Pharmacy Technician Registration 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 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 Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, 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:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent surrenders pharmacy technician license number TCH 27183 as of the effective date of this decision. Respondent shall relinquish his or her pharmacy technician license to the board within ten (10) days of the effective date of this decision.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmucy Technician Registration and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of respondent's license history with the Board of Pharmacy.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Respondent understands and agrees that if he or she ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the board shall treat it as a new application for licensure.
- 5. Respondent may not apply for any license, permit, or registration from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of this decision. Respondent stipulates that should be or she apply for any license from the board on or after the effective date of this decision, all allegations set forth in Accusation, No. 4037 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application. Respondent shall satisfy all requirements applicable to that license as of the date the application is submitted to the board, including, but not limited to certification by a nationally recognized body prior to the issuance of a new license. Respondent is required to report this surrender as disciplinary action.
- Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$3,442.50 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 offect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. 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:

Respondent

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:

Respectfully submitted,

Kamala D. Harris Attorney General of California GLORIA A. BARRIOS Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 4037

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TCH 27183					
Respondent.					
Complainant alleges:					
<u>PARTIES</u>					
1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official capacit					
as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs ("Board").					
2. On or about September 23, 1998, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration					
No. TCH 27183 to Zaida Johnson, also known as Zaida Michelle Johsnon ("Respondent"). The					
Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges					
brought herein. The Registration expired on March 31, 2012, and has not been renewed.					
JURISDICTION AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS					
3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following					
laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise					
indicated.					
	Attorney General of California GLORIA A. BARRIOS Senior Assistant Attorney General KATHERINE MESSANA Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 272953 300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-2554 Facsimile: (213) 897-2804 Attorneys for Complainant BEFOI BOARD OF DEPARTMENT OF C STATE OF C In the Matter of the Accusation Against: ZAIDA JOHNSON a.k.a., ZAIDA MICHELLE JOHNSON 5711 Charlotte Place Palmdale, CA 93552 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 27183 Respondent. Complainant alleges: PAR 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") bri as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmac 2. On or about September 23, 1998, the No. TCH 27183 to Zaida Johnson, also known a Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full fo brought herein. The Registration expired on Ma JURISDICTION AND ST 3. This Accusation is brought before th laws. All section references are to the Business				

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- 4. Section 4300 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
- 5. Sections 118 subdivision (b) of the Code grants the Board jurisdiction over suspended, expired, forfeited, cancelled, or surrendered licenses:

"The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground."

- 6. Section 490 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- (c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
- 7. Section 4060 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1, a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, a naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5, or a pharmacist pursuant to either Section 4052.1 or 4052.2. This section shall not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, pharmacist, physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, naturopathic doctor, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, when in stock in containers correctly labeled with the name and address of the supplier or producer."

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(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.

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(g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

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(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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(l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications. functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

(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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REGULATORY PROVISIONS

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770 states, in pertinent part:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

COST RECOVERY

10. 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 or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

- a. "Lorazepam," is the generic name for Ativan. It is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(16) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.
- b. "Methylphenidate," is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(6) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.
- c. "Oxycontin," is the brand name for Oxycodone. It is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.
- d. "Phendimetrazine," is a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (b)(1)(M) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.
- e. "Xanax," is the brand name for Alprazolam, an anti-anxiety benzodiazepine. It is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(1) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

- 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (l) and section 490 of the Code, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:
- 12. On or about October 25, 2010, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a) [obtaining a controlled substance by fraud], one felony count of violating Business and Professions Code section 4324, subdivision (a) [forging a prescription], one felony count of violating Penal Code section 530.5, subdivision (a) [identity theft], one felony count of violating Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a) [grand theft of personal property], one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11350, subdivision (a) [possession of a controlled substance], one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a) [possession a controlled substance], and one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11375, subdivision (b)(1) [possession for sale/sale of a designated controlled substance] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Zaida Michelle Johnson* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2010, No. BA375970).
- 13. The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 270 days in Los Angeles County Jail, placed her on formal probation for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions and ordered her to pay restitution to Kaiser Permanente Foundation Health Plan in the amount of \$77, 701.00. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are, as follows:
- 14. At or about the time of the misconduct for which she was convicted, Respondent had been employed as a pharmacy technician at Kaiser Permanente ("Kaiser"), in Lancaster, CA. On or about August 19, 2009, Respondent unlawfully obtained and attempted to obtain a controlled substance, to wit: Xanax, and procured and attempted to procure the administration of and prescription for said controlled substance by fraud, deceit and misrepresentation. In addition, she signed the name of another, and of a fictitious person, and falsely made, altered forged, uttered,

 passed and attempted to pass, as genuine, a prescription for a drug, Xanax. Additionally, on or between February 1, 2010 and March 30, 2010, Respondent willfully and unlawfully obtained personal identifying information of P.T. and used the information for an unlawful purpose and to obtain, and attempted to obtain credit, goods, services, real property, and medical information without the consent of P.T. Furthermore, on or between August 19, 2009 and April 16, 2010, Respondent unlawfully took money and personal property of a value exceeding four hundred dollars (\$400), to wit: Money, the property of Kaiser. On or about April 16, 2010, Respondent unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, to wit: Oxycontin, Methylphenidate, and Phendimetrazine. In addition, on or about April 16, 2010, Respondent unlawfully possessed for sale and sold a designated controlled substance, to wit: Lorazepam, Alprazolan, and Xanax.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Forged Prescriptions)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (g) of the Code in that while employed as a pharmacy technician at Kaiser, in Lancaster, CA Respondent forged prescriptions. Additionally, Respondent was criminally convicted of one felony count of violating section 4324, subdivision (a) of the Code [forging a prescription]. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 through 14, as though set forth fully.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Illegally Possessed Controlled Substances)

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4060 of the Code in that while employed as a pharmacy technician at Kaiser, in Lancaster, CA, Respondent obtained and possessed controlled substances in violation of the law. Additionally, Respondent was criminally convicted of one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11350, subdivision (a) [possession of a controlled substance], one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a) [possession of a controlled substance] and one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 113675, subdivision (b)(1) [possession for sale/sale of

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designated controlled substance]. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 through 14, as though set forth fully.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts Involving Dishonest Acts, Fraud, or Deceit)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (f) of the Code in that while employed as a pharmacy technician at Kaiser, in Lancaster, CA, Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit herself, or substantially injure another when she obtained controlled substances by forging prescriptions. Additionally, Respondent was criminally convicted of one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a) [obtaining a controlled substance by fraud], one felony count of violating section 4324, subdivision (a) of the Code [forging a prescription], one felony count of violating Penal Code section 530.5, subdivision (a) [identity theft] and one felony count of violating Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a) [grand theft of personal property]. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 through 14, as though set forth fully.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Laws Regulating Controlled Substances)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (i) of the Code in that Respondent violated California statutes regulating controlled substances when she was convicted of two felony counts of violating Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11350, subdivision (a) and one felony count of violating Health and Safety Code section 11375, subdivision (b)(1). Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 through 14, as though set forth fully.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent was involved in a conspiracy to obtain controlled substances by fraud. Complainant

refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 through 14, as though set forth fully. SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Violation of Pharmacy Law) 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) of the Code in that Respondent violated provisions of the Pharmacy Law when she was involved in a conspiracy to obtain controlled substances by fraud. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 through 19, as though set forth fully. /// /// 111 -/// /// /// 1// 1// III1// III/// ///

Accusation '

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 27183, issued to Respondent;
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 5/29/12

VIRGINIA AEROLD Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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