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

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

Case No. 3997

OAH No. 2011061275

KHANH PHI NGUYEN

Pharmacy Technician Applicant

Respondent.

WITHDRAWAL OF STATEMENT OF ISSUES

On or about June 2, 2011, Complainant Virginia K. Herold ("Complainant"), in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Statement of Issues No. 3997 against Respondent Khanh Phi Nguyen.

On or about September 23, 2011, Complainant Virginia K. Herold ("Complainant"), in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed First Amended Statement of Issues No. 3997 against Respondent Khanh Phi Nguyen.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, on or about October 25, 2011, withdrew his Request for Appeal and Request for Hearing, Statement of Issues No. 3997, filed on or about June 2, 2011 and First Amended Statement of Issues No. 3997, filed on or about September 23, 2011, against Respondent is hereby withdrawn.

DATED:

VIRGINIA K. HEROLD

Executive Officer

Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant

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13	KHANH PHI NGUYEN	FIRST AMENDED
14	16166 Mount Baden Powell Street Fountain Valley, CA 92708	STATEMENT OF ISSUES
15	Respondent.	
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18	Complainant alleges:	
19	PARTIES	
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this First Amended Statement of Issues solely	
21	in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of	
22	Consumer Affairs.	
23	2. On or about June 28, 2010, the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs	
24	received an application for a Pharmacy Technician Registration from Khanh Phi Nguyen	
25	(Respondent). On or about June 22, 2010, Khanh Phi Nguyen certified under penalty of perjury	
26	to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. The Board	
27	denied the application on November 22, 2010.	
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FIRST AMENDED STATEMENT OF ISSUES

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3. This First Amended Statement of Issues is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

- 4. Section 480 of the Code states:
- (a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
- (1) Been convicted of a crime. 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.
- (2) Done any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or herself or another, or substantially injure another.
- (3) (A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.
- (B) The board may deny a license pursuant to this subdivision only if the crime or act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which application is made. . . .
- 5. Section 4300, subdivision (c) of the Code states "The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional conduct."

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 6. Section 475 of the Code states:
- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, the provisions of this division shall govern the denial of licenses on the grounds of:
- (1) Knowingly making a false statement of material fact, or knowingly omitting to state a material fact, in an application for a license.
 - (2) Conviction of a crime.
- (3) Commission of any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another, or substantially injure another.
- (4) Commission of any act which, if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

7. Section 482 of the Code states:

Each board under the provisions of this code shall develop criteria to evaluate the rehabilitation of a person when:

- (a) Considering the denial of a license by the board under Section 480; or
- (b) Considering suspension or revocation of a license under Section 490.

Each board shall take into account all competent evidence of rehabilitation furnished by the applicant or licensee.

8. Section 493 of the Code states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question.

As used in this section, "license" includes "certificate," "permit," "authority," and "registration."

9. Section 4301 of the Code states:

The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not 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.
- (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

FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(July 20, 2009 Criminal Conviction for Issuance of Check

With Insufficient Funds on August 1, 2007)

- 12. Respondent's application for registration as a pharmacy technician is subject to denial under sections 480, subdivision (a)(1) of the Code in that Respondent was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a pharmacy technician. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about July 20, 2009, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The State of Nevada vs. Khanh P. Nguyen*, in Clark County District Court, case number C256179, Respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty to two felony counts of violating Nevada Revised Statutes 205.130, issuance of a check or draft without sufficient money or credit; and Nevada Revised Statutes 193.330, attempt to commit a felony.
- b. As a result of the conviction, on or about October 22, 2009, Respondent was sentenced to serve six months in the Clark County Detention Center. The detention was suspended and Respondent was placed on informal probation, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$55,075.00, and ordered to comply with standard probation terms.
- c. The circumstances that led to the conviction are that on or about August 1, 2007, Respondent drew and knowingly passed a bad check, payable to Caesar's Palace Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, in the amount of \$50,000. Respondent received cash and gaming chips in exchange for the check. The check was deposited and was returned to Caesar's Palace as unpaid. The casino mailed a certified letter to Respondent demanding payment. Respondent failed to respond to the demand, so the Clark County District Attorney's Office was notified and charges were filed. On June 9, 2009, Respondent was arrested and booked.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Commission of a Dishonest Act)

13. Respondent's application for registration as a pharmacy technician is subject to denial under sections 480, subdivision (a)(2) of the Code for unprofessional conduct in that on or about

August 1, 2007, Respondent committed an act of dishonesty, fraud and deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself, as detailed in paragraph 12, above.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Commission of Acts Which if Done by a Licensee Would be

Grounds for Suspension or Revocation of License)

- 14. Respondent's application is subject to denial under sections 480, subdivision (a)(3)(A) of the Code in that he committed acts, that if done by a licensed pharmacy technician, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about July 20, 2009, as detailed in paragraph 12, above, Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed pharmacy technician, in violation of section 4301, subdivision (I) of the Code.
- b. On or about August 1, 2007, as detailed in paragraph 12, above, Respondent committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, and deceit in violation of section 4301, subdivision (f) of the Code.

PRAYER

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. Denying the application of Khanh Phi Nguyen for a Pharmacy Technician Registration;
 - 2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 9/23/11

VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer

Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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