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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY		
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
10	STATE OF C	CALIFORNIA	.*
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4298	. 1
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14	LISA A. SHEEHAN	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER	
15	33 Glenwood Drive Napa, CA 94559	FG	
16	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 31225	[Gov. Code, §11520]	
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18	Respondent.		
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21	FINDINGS OF FACT  1. On or about July 19, 2012, Complainant Virginia K. Herold, in her official capacity		
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23	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 4298 against Lisa A. Sheehan (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy.		
24	(Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)		
25	2. On or about October 20, 1999, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy		,
26	Technician Registration No. 31225 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in		
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full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4298 and will expire on November 30, 2012, unless renewed.

- 3. On or about July 19, 2012, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 4298, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of record was and is: 33 Glenwood Drive, Napa, CA 94559.
- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
  - 5. 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.
- 6. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 4298.
  - 7. 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.
- 8. 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. 4298, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4298, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

1	9. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and		
2	Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation		
3	and Enforcement is \$1,810.00 as of September 12, 2012.		
4	<u>DETERMINATION OF ISSUES</u>		
5	1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Lisa A. Sheehan has subjected		
6	her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 31225 to discipline.		
7	2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.		
8	3. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician		
9	Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported		
10	by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case:		
11	a. Business and Professions Code sections 4301, subdivision (h) (Use of Alcohol in a		
12	Dangerous Manner); 4060 (Possession of Controlled Substance); 4301, subdivision (l)		
13	(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime); and 490 (Conviction).		
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# <u>ORDER</u> 1 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 31225, issued to 2 Respondent Lisa A. Sheehan, is revoked. 3 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a 4 written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within 5 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may 6 vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute. 7 This Decision shall become effective on November 19, 2012. 8 It is so ORDERED ON October 19, 2012. 9 10 BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 12 13 14 By 15 **Board President** 16 90263537.DOC DOJ Matter ID:SF2012900813 17 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Exhibit A

Accusation

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10	STATE OF CA	STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4298		
12	LISA A. SHEEHAN		•	
13	33 Glenwood Drive Napa, CA 94559	ACCUSATION	-	
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 31225			
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16	Respondent.			
17	Complainant alleges:			
18	<u>PARTIES</u>			
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings	this Accusation solely in her official c	apacity	
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.			
21	2. On or about October 20, 1999, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician		nnician	
22	Registration Number 31225 to Lisa A. Sheehan (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician		n	
23	Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this			
24	Accusation and will expire on November 30, 2012, unless renewed.			
25	JURISDICTION			
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of		ent of	
27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the		o the	
28	Business and Professions 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, subdivision (a), of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 6. Section 4402, subdivision (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, subdivision (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.
- 7. Section 118, subdivision (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.

## STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

8. 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:

"(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

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practice authorized by the license.

"(I) 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."

- 9. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
  - 10. 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."

### 11. Code section 4060 states;

"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."

## 12. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

"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 her license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

#### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/DANGEROUS DRUGS

#### 13. Code section 4021 states:

"Controlled substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code."

14. Code section 4022 provides:

"'Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, 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.
- "(b) Any device that bears the statement: 'Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a \_\_\_\_\_\_,' '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."
- 15. Cocaine is a Schedule II controlled substance and narcotic as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(6), and a dangerous drug under Code section 4022.

# COST RECOVERY

16. Section 125.3 of the Code states, 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.

## **FACTS**

17. On or about January 18, 2011, at approximately 1:39 a.m., two officers from the Pleasant Hill Police Department (PHPD) responded to a report that a woman had backed her car into some garbage cans. The caller suspected that the woman driver was intoxicated. Officer 1 arrived at the scene first and observed Respondent sitting behind the wheel of her vehicle. Respondent stated that she was trying to make a U-turn and she backed into the garbage cans. Officer 2 arrived at the scene and also observed Respondent sitting in the driver's seat of her vehicle, which was blocking half of the roadway. Officer 2 observed that Respondent's eyes were red and watery and she was slow in communicating and responding to questions and commands. When respondent exited her vehicle, she had to place her hand against her vehicle to steady herself. Respondent's speech was slurred and Officer 2 could smell alcohol on her breath.

Respondent spontaneously told the officers that she was drunk. She stated that she drank three to four glasses of wine at a nearby bowling alley, and she was unable to explain what she was doing in the neighborhood where the officers found her.

- 18. As Officer 2 began to explain the first field sobriety test (FST) to Respondent she began to cry and refused to complete any FST, stating that she knew she was drunk and that she should not be driving. Based upon Respondent's objective signs of intoxication, the fact that the officers found her in the driver's seat of her vehicle blocking the roadway, and her admission that she had been drinking and driving, Officer 2 arrested Respondent for violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a) (driving under the influence). Respondent was transported to the PHPD for booking and a blood draw was performed. The results of the blood draw showed that Respondent had a blood alcohol content of .27%.
- 19. During Respondent's booking search, Officer 1 located a white powdery substance wrapped in a piece of plastic in the rear pocket of Respondent's pants. Respondent denied that the plastic belonged to her, but she confirmed that the tissue and the pants she was wearing were hers. Officer 2 tested the substance for Cocaine salt and Cocaine base using a NIK narcotics test kit. The test showed a positive presumptive result for Cocaine salt. The suspected Cocaine was sent to the Contra Costa County Crime Lab for positive identification. The crime lab identified the substance as .11 grams of Cocaine salt.
- 20. On or about January 5, 2012, in a criminal matter entitled *The People of the State of California v. Lisa Ann Sheehan*, Contra Costa County Case No. 1-153606-9, Respondent was convicted by plea of no contest of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) (driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .08% or higher), with a special allegation of violating Vehicle Code section 23578 (having a blood alcohol content of .15% or higher). Respondent was placed on probation for three years and ordered to serve thirty days in an alternative work program, pay a fine, complete a nine month alcohol program, and not drive with any measureable amount of alcohol in her blood.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Use of Alcohol in a Dangerous Manner)
(Bus. & Prof Code § 4301, subd. (h))

21. Respondent has subjected her pharmacy technician registration to discipline under Code section 4301, subdivision (h), in that she used alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself and to the public. The circumstances are set forth above in paragraphs 17 through 20.

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Possession of Controlled Substance)
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 4060)

22. Respondent has subjected her pharmacy technician registration to discipline under Code section 4060 in that she possessed a controlled substance without a prescription. The circumstances are set forth above in paragraphs 17 though 19.

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 4301, subd. (1))

23. Respondent has subjected her pharmacy technician registration to discipline under Code section 4301, subdivision (I), as defined by California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that she was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee. The circumstances are set forth above in paragraphs 17 through 20.

## FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction)
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 490)

24. Respondent has subjected her pharmacy technician registration to discipline under Code section 490 in that she was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the business or profession for which she was issued a license. The circumstances are set forth above in paragraphs 17 through 20.

# PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged in this Accusation, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number 31225, issued to Lisa A. Sheehan;
- 2. Ordering Lisa A. Sheehan to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED:	7/19/12	Ougin Hedd
		VIRGINIA HEROLD Executive Officer
		Board of Pharmacy
		Department of Consumer Affairs
		State of California
		Complainant

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