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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 4339

**TRISTAN JUSTIN NAVARRO  
RODRIGUEZ  
612 W. 214th Street  
Carson, CA 90745**

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

**Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH  
89059**

Respondent.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or about January 18, 2013, Complainant Virginia K. Herold, in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 4339 against Tristan Justin Navarro Rodriguez (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

1 2. On or about February 9, 2009, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy Technician  
2 Technician Registration No. TCH 89059 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration  
3 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4339  
4 and will expire on April 30, 2014, unless renewed.

5 3. On or about January 28, 2013, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class  
6 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 4339, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request  
7 for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and  
8 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
9 section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of  
10 record was and is:

11 612 W. 214th Street  
12 Carson, CA 90745.

13 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of  
14 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section  
15 124.

16 5. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

17 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent  
18 files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts  
19 of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall  
20 constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion  
21 may nevertheless grant a hearing.

22 6. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him  
23 of the Accusation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No.  
24 4339.

25 7. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

26 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the  
27 hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions  
28 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

of Pharmacy Board 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. 4339, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4339, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

9. 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 is \$2,062.00 as of June 4, 2013.

### DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Tristan Justin Navarro Rodriguez has subjected his Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 89059 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 Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case:

a. First Cause for Discipline - Convictions of Substantially Related Crimes. On or about July 13, 2011, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [driving while having 0.08% or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Tristan Justin Rodriguez* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2011, No. 1CP02022).

On or about August 6, 2009, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of two misdemeanor counts, Count 2, violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [driving while having 0.08% or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood] and interlineated Count 3, violating Vehicle Code section 23103 [reckless driving] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Tristan Justin Rodriguez* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2009, No. 9CP00580) with the finding that alcohol/drugs were involved in the incident as to Count 3.

2 disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (h), in that Respondent used alcoholic  
3 beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or the  
4 public, when he operated a vehicle while having 0.19% of alcohol in his blood.

5 c. Third Cause for Discipline – Convictions Involving the Consumption of Alcohol.  
6 Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (k) in that  
7 Respondent was convicted of more than one misdemeanor involving the consumption of an  
8 alcoholic beverage.

9 **ORDER**

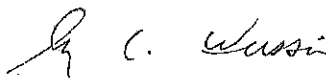
10 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 89059, heretofore  
11 issued to Respondent Tristan Justin Navarro Rodriguez, is revoked.

12 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a  
13 written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within  
14 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may  
15 vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

16 This Decision shall become effective on October 7, 2013.

17 It is so ORDERED ON September 6, 2013.

18 BOARD OF PHARMACY  
19 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
20 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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22 By \_\_\_\_\_  
23 STANLEY C. WEISSER  
24 Board President

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28 Attachment:  
Exhibit A: Accusation

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14 **a.k.a., TRISTAN JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ**  
612 W. 214th Street  
Carson, CA 90745  
15 Pharmacy Technician Registration  
No. TCH 89059  
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17 Respondent.

Case No. 4339

**ACCUSATION**

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19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

- 21 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity  
22 as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
- 23 2. On or about February 9, 2009, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy  
24 Technician Registration No. TCH 89059 to Tristan Justin Navarro Rodriguez, also known as  
25 Tristan Justin Rodriguez (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force  
26 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2014,  
27 unless renewed.

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1 JURISDICTION

2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following  
3 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

4 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

5 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), provides in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license  
6 shall not deprive the Board jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period  
7 within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

8 5. Section 490 states, in pertinent part:

9 "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a  
10 board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a  
11 crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business  
12 or profession for which the license was issued.

13 "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to  
14 discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under  
15 subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties  
16 of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.

17 "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a  
18 conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take  
19 following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or  
20 the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is  
21 made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the  
22 provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

23 6. Section 4300 provides in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is  
24 subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.

25 7. Section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

26 "The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional  
27 conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

28 Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

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"(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.

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"(k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.

"(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."

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1 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

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

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

9 **COST RECOVERY**

10 9. Section 125.3 states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative  
11 law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing  
12 act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of case.

13 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

14 **(Convictions of Substantially Related Crimes)**

15 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (l) and  
16 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that,  
17 Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties  
18 of a pharmacy technician, as follows:

19 a. On or about July 13, 2011, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted  
20 of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [driving  
21 while having 0.08% or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood] in the criminal proceeding  
22 entitled *The People of the State of California v. Tristan Justin Rodriguez* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles  
23 County, 2011, No. 1CP02022). The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 30 days in Los Angeles  
24 County Jail and placed Respondent on 48 months probation, with terms and conditions. The  
25 circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about January 6, 2011, Respondent drove  
26 a vehicle while having 0.08% or more, by weigh of alcohol in his blood. Respondent collided  
27 with a parked vehicle causing it to push forward into two vehicles parked in front of it, resulting  
28 in damages. While speaking to Respondent, the California Highway Patrol Department Officer



1 smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and person. He was  
2 observed to have bloodshot, watery eyes and his speech was slurred. When asked what he had to  
3 drink, Respondent stated "a small cup of Sapporo." During the booking procedure, Respondent  
4 submitted to a blood test that resulted in a blood-alcohol content level of 0.19%.

5 b. On or about August 6, 2009, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was  
6 convicted of two misdemeanor counts, Count 2, violating Vehicle Code section 23152,  
7 subdivision (b) [driving while having 0.08% or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood] and  
8 interlineated Count 3, violating Vehicle Code section 23103 [reckless driving] in the criminal  
9 proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Tristan Justin Rodriguez* (Super. Ct.  
10 Los Angeles County, 2009, No. 9CP00580) with the finding that alcohol/drugs were involved in  
11 the incident as to Count 3. On or about August 6, 2010, after Respondent completed a court  
12 ordered 3-month Alcohol Program, the Court dismissed the Count 2 conviction and placed him on  
13 12 months probation, with terms and conditions. The circumstances surrounding the conviction  
14 occurred on or about November 30, 2008, and Respondent was arrested.

15 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 **(Dangerous Use of Alcohol)**

17 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (h), in  
18 that Respondent used alcoholic beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to  
19 himself, another person, or the public, when he operated a vehicle while having 0.19% of alcohol  
20 in his blood. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth  
21 above in paragraph 10, subparagraph (a), as though set forth fully.

22 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 **(Convictions Involving the Consumption of Alcohol)**

24 12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (k) in  
25 that Respondent was convicted of more than one misdemeanor involving the consumption of an  
26 alcoholic beverage. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set  
27 forth above in paragraph 10, subparagraphs (a) and (b), inclusive, as though set forth fully.

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**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 89059, issued to Respondent Tristan Justin Navarro Rodriguez;
2. Ordering Respondent Tristan Justin Navarro Rodriguez 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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VIRGINIA HEROLD  
Executive Officer  
Board of Pharmacy  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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