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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 5438

FRIENDLY HILLS MEDICAL CENTER, DBA FRIENDLY HILLS UNITED DRUGS 15141 East Whittier Boulevard, Suite 115 Whittier, CA 90603

Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 40712

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 at 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2017.

It is so ORDERED on April 18, 2017.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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12	FRIENDLY HILLS MEDICAL CENTER,	OAH No. 2016120077	
13	DBA FRIENDLY HILLS UNITED DRUGS 15141 East Whittier Boulevard, Suite 115	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF	
14	Whittier, CA 90603	LICENSE AND ORDER (FRIENDLY HILLS UNITED DRUGS ONLY)	
15	Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 40712		
16	DENNIS AKIRA AMANO 5076 Avenida De Los Reyes		
17	Yorba Linda, CA 92886		
18	Pharmacist License No. RPH 41015		
19	Respondents.		
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22	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-		
23	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
24	PARTIES		
25	1. Virginia K. Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy		
26	(Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by		
27	Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Desiree I. Kellogg, Deputy		
28	Attorney General.		
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- 2. Friendly Hills Medical Center, dba Friendly Hills United Drugs (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Herbert L. Weinberg of Fenton Law Group, LLP whose address is 1990 S. Bundy Drive, Suite 777, Los Angeles, CA 90025.
- 3. On or about March 5, 2005, the Board issued Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 40712 to Friendly Hills Medical Center, doing business as Friendly Hills United Drugs (Respondent). The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 5438. It expired on October 25, 2014 and was cancelled on January 23, 2015.

#### JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 5438 was filed before the (Board),, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on July 22, 2016. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 5438 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5438. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on its 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 understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5438, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon its Pharmacy Permit.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up their right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.
- 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation, it enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of its Pharmacy Permit without further process.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that they may not withdraw its 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.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. 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.

14. 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 Permit No. PHY 40712, issued to Respondent Friendly Hills Medical Center, doing business as Friendly Hills United Drugs, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Permit 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 of Pharmacy.
- 2. Respondent surrenders Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 40712 as of the effective date of this Decision. Respondent shall relinquish the premises wall license and renewal license to the Board within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Decision.
- 3. If it 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. 5438 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.
- 4. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$6,552.64 within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Order.
- 5. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 5438 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.

1	6. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for three (3)		
2	years from the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.		
3	ACCEPTANCE		
4	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully		
5	discussed it with my attorney, Herbert L. Weinberg. I understand the stipulation and the effect it		
6	will have on the Pharmacy Permit. 1 enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order		
7	voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the		
8	Board of Pharmacy.		
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10	DATED: 3/22/2017 MICHAEL DOUGLEH, authorized agent by and		
11	behalf of EKENDLY HILLS MEDICAL		
12	CENTER, DBA FRIENDLY HILLS UNITED DRUGS		
13	Respondent		
14	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Friendly Hills Medical Center, dba		
15	Friendly Hills United Drugs the terms and conditions and other matters/contained in this		
16	Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.		
17	DATED: 3/22/2017 HERBERTL, WEINBERG		
18	Attorney for 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. Respectfully submitted, XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California GREGORY J. SALUTE Supervising Deputy Attorney General DESIREE I. KELLOGG Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SD2015700714/81601132.doc

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 5438

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18	Pharmacist License No. RPH 41015		
19	Respondents.		
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22	Complainant alleges:		
23	PARTIES		
24	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity		
25	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
26	2. On or about March 5, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit Number		
27	PHY 40712 to Friendly Hills Medical Center, doing business as Friendly Hills United Drugs with		
28	Dennis Akira Amano designated as the Pharmacist-in-Charge (Respondent Friendly Hills United		
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Drugs). The Pharmacy Permit expired on October 25, 2014 and was cancelled on January 23, 2015.

3. On or about August 17, 1987, the Board of Pharmacy Issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 41015 to Dennis Akira Amano (Respondent Dennis Amano). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 30, 2016, unless renewed.

#### JURISDICTION

- 4. This Accusation 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 unless otherwise indicated.
- 5. 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.].
- 6. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
  - 7. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 8. Section 4022 of the Code states:
- "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,

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manufacture, sell, deliver, hold, or offer for sale any drug or device that is misbranded.

developed by the board. (Incorporated by reference is "Community Pharmacy & Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy Compounding Self-Assessment" Form 17M-39 Rev. (02/12.) That form contains a first section applicable to all compounding, and a second section applicable to sterile injectable compounding. The first section must be completed by the pharmacist-in-charge before any compounding is performed in the pharmacy. The second section must be completed by the pharmacist-in-charge before any sterile injectable compounding is performed in the pharmacy. The applicable sections of the self-assessment shall subsequently be completed before July 1 of each odd-numbered year, within 30 days of the start of a new pharmacist-in-charge, and within 30 days of the issuance of a new pharmacy license. The primary purpose of the self-assessment is to promote compliance through self-examination and education.

9. Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1735.3 (a) states:

For each compounded drug product, the pharmacy records shall include:

- (1) The master formula record.
- (2) The date the drug product was compounded.
- (3) The identity of the pharmacy personnel who compounded the drug product.
- (4) The identity of the pharmacist reviewing the final drug product.
- (5) The quantity of each component used in compounding the drug product.
- (6) The manufacturer, expiration date and lot number of each component. If the manufacturer name is demonstrably unavailable, the name of the supplier may be substituted. Exempt from the requirements in this paragraph are sterile products compounded on a one-time basis for administration within seventy-two (72) hours and stored in accordance with standards for "Redispensed CSPS" found in Chapter 797 of the United States Pharmacopeia National Formulary (USP-NF) (35th Revision, Effective May 1, 2012), hereby incorporated by reference, to an inpatient in a health care facility licensed under section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (7) A pharmacy assigned reference or lot number for the compounded drug product.
  - (8) The expiration date of the final compounded drug product.
  - (9) The quantity or amount of drug product compounded.
- 20. Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1735.4 (a) states:

In addition to the labeling information required under Business and Professions Code section 4076, the label of a compounded drug product shall contain the generic name(s) of the principal active ingredient(s).

policies and procedures, a written quality assurance plan designed to monitor and ensure the integrity, potency, quality, and labeled strength of compounded drug products.

- (b) The quality assurance plan shall include written procedures for verification, monitoring, and review of the adequacy of the compounding processes and shall also include written documentation of review of those processes by qualified pharmacy personnel.
- (c) The quality assurance plan shall include written standards for qualitative and quantitative integrity, potency, quality, and labeled strength analysis of compounded drug products. All qualitative and quantitative analysis reports for compounded drug products shall be retained by the pharmacy and collated with the compounding record and master formula.
- (d) The quality assurance plan shall include a written procedure for scheduled action in the event any compounded drug product is ever discovered to be below minimum standards for integrity, potency, quality, or labeled strength.

#### COST RECOVERY

25. 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.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 26. From March 3, 1995 through January 23, 2015, Respondent Dennis Amano was the Pharmacist-in-Charge of Respondent Friendly Hills United Drugs. Respondents compounded non-sterile drug products, along with dispensing controlled substances.
- 27. Respondents received and held a 540 ml bottle of Gabapentin 10mg/ml suspension compounded by another pharmacy which was not duly registered with the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare of the United States or did not have a valid license from the Department of Public Health.
- 28. Respondents compounded drugs utilizing master formulas which lacked all required elements, including expiration dating requirements, equipment to be used, processes and procedures used to prepare compounded drug products, quality review steps and post compounding processes or procedures.

- 29. Respondents did not complete a compounding self-assessment. They also failed to maintain full and complete compounding logs, policies and procedures for compounding drugs and training staff engaged in compounding drugs, a written quality assurance plan to monitor and ensure the integrity, potency, quality and labeled strength of compounded drug products and a quality assurance plan or a recall plan for compounded drug products.
- 30. Respondents also failed to perform qualitative and quantitative analysis of the integrity, potency, quality and labeled strength of compounded drug products. They also did not label compounded drugs with all principal active ingredients.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Held Misbranded Drugs)

31. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(j) for violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and state laws governing pharmacy, in that Respondents held a misbranded drug, as defined by Health & Safety Code section 111330 and 111430 in violation of Health and Safety Code section 111440, as set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30, which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Received Misbranded Drugs)

32. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(j) and (o), for violating statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs and state laws governing pharmacy, in that Respondents received a misbranded drug, as defined by Health & Safety Code sections 111330 and 111430 in violation of Health and Safety Code section 111450, as set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30, which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Inadequate Record-Keeping)

33. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for violating Pharmacy Law and regulations, as set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30, which are incorporated herein by reference and as described below:

- a. <u>California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.7(a)</u>: Failure to maintain training records for compounding staff.
- b. <u>California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.5(a)</u>: Failure to maintain current written policies and procedures for compounding.
- c. <u>California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.5(b)</u>: Failure to review policy and procedures manual on an annual basis and update it.
- d. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.6(a): Failure to maintain written documentation of facilities and equipment for compounding.
- e. <u>California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.5(e)(3)</u>: Failure to maintain policies and procedures regarding facilities and equipment cleaning, maintenance, and operation and facilities and equipment necessary for safe and accurate compounded drug products.
- f. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735,5(c)(4): Failure to produce and maintain documentation of the methodology used to test integrity, potency, quality, and labeled strength of compounded drug products.
- g. <u>California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.5(c)(5)</u>: Failure to produce and maintain documentation of the methodology used to determine appropriate expiration dates for compounded drug products.
- h. <u>California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3</u>: Failure to produce and maintain complete records or any records of compounded drugs, including failing to record the lot number, the expiration date of all components, the pharmacist who verified the compounded drugs and the identity of the pharmacy staff who compounded the drug product.
- i. <u>California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735,7(b)</u>: Failure to produce and maintain written documentation sufficient to demonstrate pharmacy personnel have the skills and training necessary to complete compounding, an on-going competency evaluation process and the training completed by pharmacy personnel.
- j. <u>California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.8(a)-(c)</u>: Failure to produce and maintain a written quality assurance plan to monitor and ensure the integrity,

potency, quality and labeled strength of compounded drug products and the qualitative and quantitative analysis of the integrity, potency, quality and labeled strength of compounded drug products.

k. California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1735.5 (c)(2) and 1735.8 (d): Failure to produce and maintain a recall plan for compounded drug products and procedures if any compounded drug products are discovered to be below minimum standards for integrity, potency, quality or labeled strength.

#### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Label Drug With All Active Ingredients)

34. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for violating California Code of Regulations, section 1735.4(a), in that they did not label the compounded drug products with all active ingredients, as set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30, which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Complete Compounding Self-Assessment Form)

35. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2(j), in that Respondents did not complete a self-assessment form prior to compounding drug products, as set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30, which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Maintain Master Formulas)

36. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2(d), in that Respondents did not prepare master formulas which contained all required elements, including expiration dating requirements, active and inactive ingredients to be used and processes and/or procedures used to prepare compounded drug products, as set forth in paragraphs 26 through 30, which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Unprofessional Conduct)

37. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301 for unprofessional conduct in that they engaged in the activities described in paragraphs 26 through 30 above, which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### 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:

- Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 40712 issued to Friendly Hills Medical Center, doing business as Friendly Hills United Drugs;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 41015 issued to Dennis Akira Amano;
- 3. Ordering Friendly Hills Medical Center, doing business as Friendly Hills United Drugs and Dennis Akira Amano 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
  - 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 7/19/16 Originia Hudal

VIRGINIA HEROLD
Executive Officer
Board of Pharmacy

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