### 1 2 3 BEFORE THE 8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 5632 12 BRYANNA NICOLE PORTER 13 1364 Oregon Creek Way Plumas Lake, CA 95971 DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER 14 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 15 119389 [Gov. Code, §11520] 16 Respondent. 17 **FINDINGS OF FACT** 18 On or about September 14, 2016, Complainant Virginia K. Herold, in her official 1. 19 capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, .20 filed Accusation No. 5632 against Bryanna Nicole Porter (Respondent) before the Board of 21 Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.) 22 23 2. On or about May 29, 2012, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 119389 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration was 24 in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 5632 and 25 will expire on October 31, 2015, unless renewed. This lapse in licensure, however, pursuant to 26 Business and Professions Code sections 118(b) and 4300.1 does not deprive the Board of its 27 authority to institute or continue this disciplinary proceeding. 28

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3. On or about September 21, 2016, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 5632, 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:

1364 Oregon Creek Way Plumas Lake, CA 95971.

- 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. On or about September 29, 2016, the aforementioned documents were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "Addressee Unknown." The address on the documents was the same as the address on file with the Board. Respondent failed to maintain an updated address with the Board and the Board has made attempts to serve the Respondent at the address on file. Respondent has not made herself available for service and therefore, has not availed herself of her right to file a notice of defense and appear at hearing.
  - 6. Government Code section 11506(c) 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.
- 7. 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. 5632.
  - 8. California Government Code section 11520(a) 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 . . . .

- 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. 5632, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 5632, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.
- 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 \$1,400.00 as of October 27, 2016.

### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Bryanna Nicole Porter has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 119389 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:
  - Business and Professions Code section 4301(1) Criminal Convictions a.
- b. Business and Professions Code section 4301(f) - Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Deceit or Corruption
- Business and Professions Code section 4301(j) Violation of States Regulating Controlled Substances

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1 **ORDER** IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 119389, heretofore issued 2 to Respondent Bryanna Nicole Porter, 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 at 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2016. 8 9 It is so ORDERED on November 22, 2016. 10 **BOARD OF PHARMACY** DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 12 13 14 15  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ Amy Gutierrez, Pharm.D. 16 **Board President** 17 12480567.DOC 18 DOJ Matter ID:SA2015105421 19 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

## Exhibit A

Accusation

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9	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 5632	
13	BRYANNA NICOLE PORTER 1364 Oregon Creek Way		
14	Plumas Lake, CA 95971	ACCUSATION	
15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No.		
16	119389	; ,.	
	Respondent.		
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18	Virginia Herold ("Complainant") alleges:		
19	PARTIES		
20	1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive		
21	Officer of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about May 29, 2012, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration		
23	Number 119389 to Bryanna Nicole Porter ("Respondent"). The registration was in full force and		
24	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein. The registration expired on October 31,		
25	2015, and was cancelled on February 7, 2016 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section		
26	4402(e).		
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	(BRYANNA NICOLE PORTER) ACCUSATION		

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3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 4300 provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.

Code section 4300.1 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

Code section 4301 states, in pertinent part: 5.

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.
- (i) 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.
- (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.
- Code section 4060 states:

A person shall not 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 Section 4052.1, 4052.2, or 4052.6. This section does not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, pharmacy, pharmacist, physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, naturopathic doctor, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, if in stock in containers correctly labeled with the name and address of the supplier or producer.

This section does not authorize a certified nurse-midwife, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, or a naturopathic doctor, to order his or her own stock of dangerous drugs and devices.

## 7. Health and Safety Code section 11350 states, in part:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, every person who possesses (1) any controlled substance specified in subdivision (b) or (c), or paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 11054, specified in paragraph (14), (15), or (20) of subdivision (d) of Section 11054, or specified in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 11055, or specified in subdivision (h) of Section 11056, or (2) any controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV, or V which is a narcotic drug, unless upon the written prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian licensed to practice in this state, shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.

## 8. Health and Safety Code section 11364 states, in part:

(a) It is unlawful to possess an opium pipe or any device, contrivance, instrument, or paraphernalia used for unlawfully injecting or smoking (1) a controlled substance specified in subdivision (b), (c), or (e) or paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 11054, specified in paragraph (14), (15), or (20) of subdivision (d) of Section 11054, specified in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 11055, or specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 11055, or (2) a controlled substance that is a narcotic drug classified in Schedule III, IV, or V.

## 9. Health and Safety Code section 11377 states, in part:

(a) Except as authorized by law and as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) or Section 11375, or in Article 7 (commencing with Section 4211) of Chapter 9 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, every person who possesses any controlled substance which is (1) classified in Schedule III, IV, or V, and which is not a narcotic drug, (2) specified in subdivision (d) of Section 11054, except paragraphs (13), (14), (15), and (20) of subdivision (d), (3) specified in paragraph (11) of subdivision (c) of Section 11056, (4) specified in paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (f) of Section 11054, or (5) specified in subdivision (d), (e), or (f) of Section 11055, unless upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian, licensed to practice in this state, shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than one year or pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.

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### COST RECOVERY

10. Code section 125.3 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.

#### **DRUGS**

11. Methamphetamine is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2), and a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Conviction of Crimes)

- 12. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301(I), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent was convicted of crimes which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:
- a. On or about September 18, 2014, in the case of *People v. Bryanna Porter*, (Super. Ct. Butte County, 2014, Case No. CM041767), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her plea of guilty of violating Health and Safety Code section 11377(a) (possession of a controlled substance, to wit: Methamphetamine), a felony, and 11364.1(a)(1) (possession of smoking device), a misdemeanor. The circumstances of the crime were that on or about August 14, 2014, during a routine traffic stop, an officer found Methamphetamine in Respondent's purse.
- b. On or about June 18, 2015, in the case of *People v. Bryanna Porter*, (Super. Ct. Butte County, 2015, Case No. SCR102524), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her plea of no contest of violating Penal Code section 530.5(e) (mail theft), a misdemeanor. The circumstances of the crime were that on or about April 7, 2015, Respondent stole delivered mail packages from the porch of a residence.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

- (Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption)

13. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301(f), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and/or corruption, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 12, subdivision (b).

### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Statutes Regulating Controlled Substances)

- 14. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 4301(j), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on or about August 14, 2014, while a registered pharmacy technician, Respondent violated statutes regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs, as follows:
- a. <u>Business and Professions Code section 4060:</u> Respondent possessed a controlled substance, Methamphetamine, without authorization or a valid prescription therefor, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 12, subdivision (a).
- b. <u>Health and Safety Code section 11377(a)</u>: Respondent possessed a controlled substance, Methamphetamine, without authorization or a valid prescription therefor, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 12, subdivision (a).
- d. <u>Health and Safety Code section 11364(a)(1):</u> Respondent possessed an opium pipe or device used for ingesting or smoking controlled substances, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 12, subdivision (a).

## MATTERS IN AGGRAVATION

- 15. On or about May 26, 2006, in the case of *People v. Bryanna Nicole Porter*, (Super. Ct. Butte County, 2006, Case No. SCR55311), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her plea of no contest of violating Penal Code section 594(a) (vandalism), a misdemeanor.
- 16. On or about June 17, 2008, in the case of *People v. Bryanna Nicole Porter*, (Super, Ct. Plumas County, 2008, Case No. JCR08-3530501), Respondent was convicted by the Court of on her plea of no contest of violating Health and Safety Code section 11357(b) (possession of

1	Marijuana), a misdemeanor.	
2	17. On or about November 6, 2009, in the case of People v. Bryanna Nicole Porter,	
3	(Super. Ct. Butte County, 2009, Case No. SCR74885), Respondent was convicted by the Court on	
4	her plea of guilty of violating Penal Code section 484 (theft), a misdemeanor.	
5	PRAYER	
6	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,	
7	and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:	
8	1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 119389,	
9	issued to Bryanna Nicole Porter;	
10	2. Ordering Bryanna Nicole Porter to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of	
11	the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section	
12	125.3; and,	
13	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.	
14	DATED: 9/14/16 Ougina Ked	
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