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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

WATERFRONT PHARMACY JOSEPH M. HUANTE AND THELMA RAMSEYER, OWNERS

123 S. Commerce St., #A Stockton, CA 95202

Permit No. PHY 36858

and

JOSEPH MANUEL HUATE 123 S. Commerce St., #A Stockton, CA 95202

Pharmacist License No. RPH 36843

Respondents.

Case No. 5905

OAH No. 2018010449

STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER

(RESPONDENT WATERFRONT PHARMACY)

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 September 20, 2018.

It is so ORDERED on August 21, 2018.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

Victor Law, R.Ph. Board President

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14	123 S. Commerce St., #A Stockton, CA 95202	LICENSE AND ORDER	
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16	and		
17	JOSEPH MANUEL HUANTE		
18	123 S. Commerce Street, Suite A Stockton, CA 95202	·	
19	Pharmacist License No. RPH 36843		
20	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	<u>PARTIES</u>		
25	Virginia 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 Karen R. Denvir, Deputy		
28	Attorney General.		

- Waterfront Pharmacy (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney
 Gregory P. Matzen, whose address is 2104 Big Sandy Court, Gold River, CA 95670-8399.
- 3. On or about November 13, 1990, the Board issued Permit No. PHY 36858 to Joseph M. Huante and Thelma Ramseyer to do business as Waterfront Pharmacy (Respondent). The Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 5905 and will expire on November 01, 2018, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 5905 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 31, 2017. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 5905 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. 5905. 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.

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CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 5905, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders their Permit No. PHY 36858 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation Respondent enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of their Permit without further process.

CONTINGENCY

- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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 Permit No. PHY 36858, issued to Joseph M. Huante and Thelma Ramseyer to do business as Respondent Waterfront Pharmacy, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 1. Respondent surrenders Permit Number PHY 36858 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.
- 2. The surrender of respondent's license and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against respondent. This decision constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of respondent's license history with the board.
- 3. Respondent shall, within ten (10) days of the effective date, arrange for the destruction of, the transfer to, sale of or storage in a facility licensed and approved by the board of all controlled substances and dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices. Respondent shall further arrange for the transfer of all records of acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs to premises licensed and approved by the board. Respondent shall further provide written proof of such disposition and submit a completed Discontinuance of Business form according to board guidelines.
- 4. Respondent may only seek a new or reinstated license from the board by way of a new application for licensure. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for reinstatement of licensure.
- 5. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of this decision. Respondent stipulates that should they apply for any license from the board on or after the effective date of this decision, all allegations set forth in the accusation shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by respondent when the board determines whether to grant or deny the application. Respondent shall satisfy all requirements applicable to that license as of the date the application is submitted to the board. Respondent is required to report this surrender as disciplinary action.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Gregory P. Matzen. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Permit. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy. I am authorized to sign this stipulation on behalf of Waterfront Pharmacy.

DATED: 4/5/2018 Joseph Wanual Hunte

JOSEPH M. HUANTE, PARTNER
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Waterfront Pharmacy, Joseph M. Huante, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED:

GREGØRY P. MATZHY Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

1	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of Licens	se and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
2	for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.	
3	Dated: 4 5 (B)	Respectfully submitted,
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 $\mathbf{Exhibit}\,\mathbf{A}$

Accusation No. 5905

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16	and		
17	JOSEPH MANUEL HUANTE		
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19	Pharmacist License No. RPH 36843	,	
20	Respondents.	•	
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22	Complainant alleges:		
23	PART	<u>ries</u>	
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 November 13, 1990, the Board of Pharmacy issued Permit Number PHY		
27	36858 to Waterfront Pharmacy with Joseph M. Huante designated as the Pharmacist-in-Charge,		
28	Thelma Ramseyer as a fifty percent Partner and Joseph M. Huante as a fifty percent Partner		
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(hereinafter "Respondent Waterfront Pharmacy"). The Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 1, 2017, unless renewed.

3. On or about January 27, 1982, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 36843 to Joseph Manuel Huante (hereinafter "Respondent Huante"). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2018, 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, subdivision (a), of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 7. Section 4300.1 of the Code provides that the expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a Board-issued license, 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 AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 8. Section 4059 of the Code, in pertinent part, prohibits furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous device except upon the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
 - 9. Section 4081 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- (a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, receipt, shipment or disposition of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices shall be at all times during business hours open to inspection by authorized officers of the law, and shall be preserved for at least three years from

the date of making. A current inventory shall be kept by every manufacturer, wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, pharmacy, veterinary food-animal drug retailer, physician, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, laboratory, clinic, hospital, institution, or establishment holding a currently valid and unrevoked certificate, license, permit, registration, or exemption under Division 2 (commencing with Section 1200) of the Health and Safety Code or under Part 4 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code who maintains a stock of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices.

- (b) The owner, officer, and partner of a pharmacy, wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, or veterinary food-animal drug retailer shall be jointly responsible, with the pharmacist-in-charge, responsible manager, or designated representative-in-charge, for maintaining the records and inventory described in this section.
- 10. Section 4105 of the Code requires, in pertinent part, that unless a waiver is granted by the Board, all records and other documentation of the acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs and devices by any entity licensed by the Board be retained on the licensed premises, in a readily retrievable form, for three years from the date of making.
 - 11. Section 4113, subdivision (c), of the Code states:

The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy.

12. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(j) 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.

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(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency. 13. Section 4307(a) of the Code states that: Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager. administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner had knowledge of or

(1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.

(2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.

- Section 4126.5 of the Code states:
- (a) A pharmacy may furnish dangerous drugs only to the following:
- (1) A wholesaler owned or under common control by the wholesaler from whom the dangerous drug was acquired.
 - (2) The pharmaceutical manufacturer from whom the dangerous drug was acquired.
 - (3) A licensed wholesaler acting as a reverse distributor.

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- (4) Another pharmacy or wholesaler to alleviate a temporary shortage of a dangerous drug that could result in the denial of health care. A pharmacy furnishing dangerous drugs pursuant to this paragraph may only furnish a quantity sufficient to alleviate the temporary shortage.
- (5) A patient or to another pharmacy pursuant to a prescription or as otherwise authorized by law.
- (6) A health care provider that is not a pharmacy but that is authorized to purchase dangerous drugs.
 - (7) To another pharmacy under common control.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a violation of this section may subject the person or persons who committed the violation to a fine not to exceed the amount specified in Section 125.9 for each occurrence pursuant to a citation issued by the board.
- (c) Amounts due from any person under this section on or after January 1, 2005, shall be offset as provided under Section 12419.5 of the Government Code. Amounts received by the board under this section shall be deposited into the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund.
- (d) For purposes of this section, "common control" means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of another person whether by ownership, by voting rights, by contract, or by other means.
 - 15. Section 4306.5 of the Code states:Unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist may include any of the following:
- (a) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the inappropriate exercise of his or her education, training, or experience as a pharmacist, whether or not the act or omission arises in the course of the practice of pharmacy or the ownership, management, administration, or operation of a pharmacy or other entity licensed by the board.
- (b) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the failure to exercise or implement his or her best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility with regard to the dispensing or furnishing of controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices, or with regard to the provision of services.
 - (c) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the failure to consult appropriate

patient, prescription, and other records pertaining to the performance of any pharmacy function.

- (d) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the failure to fully maintain and retain appropriate patient-specific information pertaining to the performance of any pharmacy function.
 - 16. Section 4332 of the Code states:

Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to maintain the records required by Section 4081 or who, when called upon by an authorized officer or a member of the board, fails, neglects, or refuses to produce or provide the records within a reasonable time, or who willfully produces or furnishes records that are false, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

- 17. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, states in pertinent part:
- (b) Each pharmacy licensed by the board shall maintain its facilities, space, fixtures, and equipment so that drugs are safely and properly prepared, maintained, secured and distributed. The pharmacy shall be of sufficient size and unobstructed area to accommodate the safe practice of pharmacy.

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- (d) Each pharmacist while on duty shall be responsible for the security of the prescription department, including provisions for effective control against theft or diversion of dangerous drugs and devices, and records for such drugs and devices. Possession of a key to the pharmacy where dangerous drugs and controlled substances are stored shall be restricted to a pharmacist.
 - 18. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718, states:

"Current Inventory" as used in Sections 4081 and 4332 of the Business and Professions

Code shall be considered to include complete accountability for all dangerous drugs handled by
every licensee enumerated in Sections 4081 and 4332. The controlled substances inventories
required by Title 21, CFR, Section 1304 shall be available for inspection upon request for at least
3 years after the date of the inventory.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/DANGEROUS DRUGS

19. Section 4021 of the Code provides that a "controlled substance" means any substance listed in Schedules I through V contained in Health and Safety Code section 11053 *et seg*.

San Leandro, California. The two dangerous drugs furnished by Respondents to Getwell Pharmacy and Medical Supply were not in shortage during this time period.

- 25. On December 1, 2014, a Board of Pharmacy inspector informed Waterfront Pharmacy owner and Pharmacist-in-Charge Huante that furnishing hydrocodone/acetaminophen and promethazine with codeine syrup to another pharmacy was not permitted by law because there were no shortages of either drug. Invoices dated January 27, 2015, February 3, 2015 and February 4, 2015 indicate that Respondents provided a total of 156 pints of promethazine with codeine to Getwell Pharmacy and Medical Supply, even after being specifically advised against this activity by the Board inspector.
- 26. An audit conducted by Board of Pharmacy inspectors for the audit period from November 27, 2012 through December 1, 2014, revealed that Waterfront Pharmacy did not account for approximately 160,058 tablets of hydrocodone/acetaminophen 10/325 mg. and approximately 1,421 pints of promethazine with codeine syrup.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Illegally Furnishing Dangerous Drugs to Another Pharmacy)

27. Respondents are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4126.5(a)(4) and 4301, subsections (j) and (o), in that they furnished dangerous drugs to Getwell Pharmacy and Medical Supply during a time period where there was no shortage of the dangerous drugs, in violation of pharmacy law, as set forth above in paragraphs 24-25.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Exercise Due Caution)

28. Respondents are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4306.5(b), and 4301, subsections (j) and (o), in that Respondents failed to exercise professional judgment or corresponding responsibility with regard to the dispensing or furnishing of controlled substances and dangerous drugs, as set forth above in paragraphs 24-25.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Current Inventory)

29. Respondents are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4113(c), 4301, subsections (j) and (o), and, by reference to sections 4081, 4105 and/or 4332 of the Code, and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718, for violating statutes regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs, and/or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, in that, as set forth above in paragraphs 24-26, Respondents failed to maintain an accurate, complete and readily retrievable inventory and/or records of acquisition and disposition of all dangerous drugs in the pharmacy inventory.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Facilities)

30. Respondents are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4113(c), 4301 subdivisions (j) and (o), and under California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivisions (b) and (d), in that they failed to maintain the pharmacy facilities so that drugs are safely and properly prepared, maintained, secured, and distributed, as set forth above in paragraphs 24-26.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

31. Respondents are each and severally subject to disciplinary action under code section 4301 in that Respondents, as set forth above in paragraphs 24-26, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

OTHER MATTERS

32. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 issued to Waterfront Pharmacy, Waterfront Pharmacy shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is reinstated if it is revoked.

33. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 issued to Waterfront Pharmacy while Thelma Ramseyer and/or Joseph M. Huante have been a partner and owner and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the licensee was disciplined, Thelma Ramseyer and Joseph M. Huante shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is reinstated if it is revoked.

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. Revoking or suspending Permit Number PHY 36858, issued to Waterfront Pharmacy, Joseph M. Huante and Thelma Ramseyer, Owners;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 36843, issued to Joseph Manuel Huante;
- 3. Prohibiting Waterfront Pharmacy from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is reinstated if it is revoked;
- 4. Prohibiting Thelma Ramseyer from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is reinstated if it is revoked;
- 5. Prohibiting Joseph M. Huante from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 36858 is reinstated if it is revoked;

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6. Ordering Waterfront Pharmacy and Joseph M. Huante to jointly and severally be responsible 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,
7. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 7/19/17

VIRGINIA HEROLD
Executive Officer

Board of Pharmacy
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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