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BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
STATE OF C	ALIFORNIA
In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 6836
LEANEL NARVAEZ; AKA LENEAL IGNAICA NARVAEZ; AKA LEA NEZ NARVAEZ; AKA LEA NEL NARVAEZ 152 Loma Ln. #2	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
San Clemente, CA 92672	[Gov. Code, §11520]
Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 160498	
Respondent.	
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FINDINGS	OF FACT
1. On or about January 21, 2020, Compl	lainant Anne Sodergren, in her official capacity
s the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of F	Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer
affairs, filed Accusation No. 6836 against Leanel	Narvaez; aka Leneal Ignaica Narvaez; aka Lea
lez Narvaez; aka Lea Nel Narvaez (Respondent)	before the Board. (Accusation attached as
Exhibit A.)	
2. On or about April 24, 2017, the Board	d issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No.
CCH 160498 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Tech	nnician Registration expired on October 31,
2018, and has not been renewed.	
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- 3. On or about January 22, 2020, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 6836, 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: 152 Loma Ln. #2, San Clemente, CA 92672.
- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and Professions Code section 124.
 - 5. 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.
- 6. The Board takes official notice of its records and the fact that 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. 6836.
 - 7. 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
- 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 Investigatory 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. 6836, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 6836, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.
- 9. The Board finds that the actual costs for Investigation and Enforcement are \$3,017.50 as of February 12, 2020.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Leanel Narvaez; aka Leneal Ignaica Narvaez; aka Lea Nez Narvaez; aka Lea Nel Narvaez has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 160498 to discipline.
 - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board 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 Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:
- a. Respondent has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration to discipline under Code sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (*l*), in that she was convicted on September 28, 2018, August 7, 2018, September 30, 2019, and December 9, 2019 of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered pharmacy technician.
- b. Respondent has subjected her registration to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (f) of the Code, in that on September 19, 2018, she committed an act of unprofessional conduct, when was in possession of burglary tools.
- c. Respondent has subjected her registration to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j), of the Code, in that on July 2, 2018, August 5, 2018, January 19, 2019, and September 19, 2019, she violated the following: Health and Safety Code section 11364, subdivision (a), by being in unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; and Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a), possession of a controlled substance; to wit: methamphetamine.
- d. Respondent has subjected her registration to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (k), of the Code, in that on August 7, 2018, September 28, 2018, September 30, 2019, and December 9, 2019, she was convicted of four drug related criminal convictions.

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ORDER 1 2 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 160498, issued to Respondent Leanel Narvaez; aka Leneal Ignaica Narvaez; aka Lea Nez Narvaez; aka Lea Nel 3 Narvaez, is revoked. 4 5 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within 6 7 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may 8 vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute. This Decision shall become effective on May 6, 2020. 9 It is so ORDERED on April 6, 2020. 10 11 12 13 Greg Lippe 14 **Board President** FOR THE BOARD OF PHARMACY 15 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 16 72150090.DOCX DOJ Matter ID:SD2019800731 17 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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16	AKA LEA NEL NARVAEZ 152 Loma Ln. #2 San Clemente, CA 92672		
17	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH		
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19	Respondent.		
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21	PART		
22	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings	s this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
23	as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of P	harmacy (Board), Department of Consumer	
24	Affairs.		
25	2. On or about April 24, 2017, the Board	l issued Pharmacy Technician Registration	
26	Number TCH 160498 to Leanel Narvaez, also known as Leanel Ignacia Narvaez, aka Lea Nez		
27	Narvaez, aka Lea Nel Narvaez (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician Registration expired on		
28	October 31, 2018, and has not been renewed.		
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8. Code section 490 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.

9. Code section 493 states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, successful completion of any diversion program under the Penal Code, or successful completion of an alcohol and drug problem assessment program under Article 5 (commencing with Section 23249.50) of Chapter 12 of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code, shall not prohibit any agency established under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of this code, or any initiative act referred to in that division, from taking disciplinary action against a licensee or from denying a license for professional misconduct, notwithstanding that evidence of that misconduct may be recorded in a record pertaining to an arrest. This section shall not be construed to apply to any drug diversion program operated by any agency established under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of this code, or any initiative act referred to in that division.

10. 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 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.

. . .

- (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- (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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11. Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a) states:

(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, except that such person may instead be punished pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code if that person has one or more prior convictions for an offense specified in clause (iv) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 667 of the Penal Code or for an offense requiring registration pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 290 of the Penal Code.

12. Health and Safety Code section 11364, subdivision (a) states:

(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.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 13. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1769, subdivision (b) states:
- (b) When considering the suspension or revocation of a facility or a personal License on the ground that the licensee or the registrant has been convicted of a crime, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of such person and his present eligibility for a license will consider the following criteria:
 - (1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).
 - (2) Total criminal record.
 - (3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s).
- (4) Whether the licensee has complied with all terms of parole, probation, restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.

- (5) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee.
- 14. 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 his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare.

COSTS

15. 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, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

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16. Methamphetamine is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(September 28, 2018 Criminal Conviction)

17. Respondent has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration to discipline under Code sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (*l*), in that she was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered pharmacy technician. The circumstances are that on September 28, 2018, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Leanel Narvaez, aka Leanel Ignacia Narvaez, aka Lea Nez Narvaez, aka Lea Nel Narvaez*, Orange County Superior Court, case number 18CM08236, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of violating Health and Safety Code section 11364, subdivision (a) (possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, to wit: opium pipe), a

misdemeanor. Respondent was ordered to serve four days in the Orange County Jail with four days of credit for time served.

18. The facts are that on July 2, 2018, at approximately 6:44 a.m., officers with the Orange Police Department were on patrol when they observed a female, later identified as Respondent, and male laying down in front of a business. During the investigation, the officer searched Respondent's purse and located a glass bulb pipe, which resembled an instrument used for smoking methamphetamine. The officer observed that the pipe had burn marks, which indicated signs of recent use. Respondent was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. Upon further questioning, Respondent admitted that she used the pipe to smoke methamphetamine the day prior.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(August 7, 2018 Criminal Conviction)

- 19. Respondent has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration to discipline under Code sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (*l*), in that she was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered pharmacy technician. The circumstances are that on August 7, 2018, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Leanel Narvaez, aka Leanel Ignacia Narvaez, aka Lea Nez Narvaez, aka Lea Nel Narvaez*, Orange County Superior Court, case number 18CM08117, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of violating Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a) (possession of a controlled substance, to wit: methamphetamine), a misdemeanor. Respondent was ordered to serve thirty days in the Orange County Jail with six days of credit for time served.
- 20. The facts are that on August 5, 2018, at approximately 18:40 p.m., an officer with the Santa Ana Police Department was on patrol when he was dispatched to investigate a domestic dispute. Upon arrival the reporting party stated Respondent became violent when he noticed she had methamphetamine inside her purse. During the investigation, the officer searched Respondent's purse and located a chunk of clear crystal substance resembling methamphetamine. Respondent was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(September 30, 2019 Criminal Conviction)

- 21. Respondent has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration to discipline under Code sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (*l*), in that she was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered pharmacy technician. The circumstances are that on September 30, 2019, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Leanel Narvaez, aka Leanel Ignacia Narvaez, aka Lea Nez Narvaez, aka Lea Nel Narvaez*, Orange County Superior Court, case number 19CM00570, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of violating Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a), possession of a controlled substance; to wit: methamphetamine; and Health and Safety Code section 11364, subdivision (a) (possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, to wit: opium pipe), both misdemeanors. Respondent was ordered to serve sixty days in the Orange County Jail.
- 22. The facts are that on January 19, 2019, at approximately 11:27 a.m., officers with the Orange Police Department responded to a call of a domestic dispute inside a business. Officers then searched Respondent's belongings and located a glass bulb pipe which resembled an instrument used for smoking methamphetamine, and small baggies containing a white crystalline substance, which resembled methamphetamine. The officer observed that the pipe had burn marks which indicated signs of recent use. Officers found Respondent to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Respondent was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(December 9, 2019 Criminal Conviction)

23. Respondent has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration to discipline under Code sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (*l*), in that she was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered pharmacy technician. The circumstances are that on December 9, 2019, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Leanel Narvaez, aka Leanel Ignacia Narvaez, aka Lea*

Nez Narvaez, aka Lea Nel Narvaez, Orange County Superior Court, case number 19HM12153, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of violating Health and Safety Code section 11364, subdivision (a) (possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, to wit: opium pipe); and Business and Professions Code section 4060, (possession of a controlled substance without a prescription), both misdemeanors. Respondent was ordered to serve ten days in the Orange County Jail, with ten days of credit for time served.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct-Possession of Burglary Tools)

24. Respondent has subjected her registration to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (f) of the Code, in that on September 19, 2018, she committed an act of unprofessional conduct, when was in possession of burglary tools. The facts and circumstances are that on September 19, 2018, an officer with the Orange Police Department, while on patrol recognized Respondent from previous contacts. The officer searched Respondent's backpack incident to arrest and located a set of shaved keys, commonly used for theft of vehicles. At first Respondent denied the keys belonged to her, and then started to cry. Respondent was subsequently arrested for possession of burglary tools. On September 30, 2019, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Leanel Narvaez, aka Leanel Ignacia Narvaez, aka Lea Nez Narvaez, aka Lea Nel Narvaez*, Orange County Superior Court, case number 18CM11180, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty to violating Penal Code section 466, possession of burglary tools, a misdemeanor.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Statute Regulating Controlled Substances)

25. Respondent has subjected her registration to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j), of the Code, in that on July 2, 2018, August 5, 2018, January 19, 2019, and September 19, 2019 as described in paragraphs 17 through 23, which are incorporated here by this reference, she violated the following: Health and Safety Code section 11364, subdivision (a), by being in unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; and Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a), possession of a controlled substance; to wit: methamphetamine.

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SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Drug Related Criminal Convictions)

26. Respondent has subjected her registration to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (k), of the Code, in that on August 7, 2018, September 28, 2018, September 30, 2019, and December 9, 2019, as described in paragraphs 17 through 23, which are incorporated here by this reference, in that she was convicted of four drug related criminal convictions.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATION

- 27. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1769, Complainant alleges the following:
- a. On or about August 7, 2018, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Leanel Narvaez, aka Leanel Ignacia Narvaez, aka Lea Nez Narvaez, aka Lea Nel Narvaez,* Orange County Superior Court, case number 18CM07983, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of violating Orange Municipal Code 12.66.030(a), illegal camping, a misdemeanor. Respondent was ordered to serve thirty days in the Orange County Jail with six days of credit for time served. The facts and circumstances that led to the conviction are that on the early morning on July 7, 2018, Respondent was issued a citation and notice to appear by the Orange Police Department.
- 28. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1769, Complainant alleges the following:
- a. On or about September 28, 2018, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Leanel Narvaez, aka Leanel Ignacia Narvaez, aka Lea Nez Narvaez, aka Lea Nel Narvaez,* Orange County Superior Court, case number 18CM09526, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of violating Orange Municipal Code 12.48.090, enter/remain in park afterhours, a misdemeanor. Respondent was ordered to serve four days in the Orange County Jail with four days of credit for time served. The facts and circumstances that led to the conviction are that on the September 1, 2018 at 1:30 a.m., Respondent was issued a citation and notice to appear by the Orange Police Department.

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1	3. Taking such other and fur	ther action as deemed necessary and proper.
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4	DATED: January 21, 2020	anne Sodergran
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