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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 6876

13 **LAURYN AYREON WOLARIDGE**
14 **972 West 13th Street**
San Pedro, CA 90731

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

15 **Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH**
16 **140825**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

17 Respondent.
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20 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

21 1. On or about February 26, 2020, Complainant Anne Sodergren, in her official capacity
22 as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed
23 Accusation No. 6876 against Lauryn Ayreon Wolaridge (Respondent) before the Board of
24 Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

25 2. On or about February 20, 2015, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy
26 Technician Registration No. TCH 140825 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician Registration
27 expired on April 30, 2018, and has not been renewed.

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1 3. On or about February 28, 2020, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class
2 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 6876, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request
3 for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and
4 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code
5 section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of
6 record was and is:

7 972 West 13th Street
8 San Pedro, CA 90731.

9 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
10 Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and Professions Code section 124.

11 5. Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

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

17 6. The Board takes official notice of its records and the fact that Respondent failed to
18 file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore
19 waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 6876.

20 7. California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:

21 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at
22 the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express
23 admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without
24 any notice to respondent

25 8. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds
26 Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the
27 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter,
28 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. 6876,
finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 6876, 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 \$1,883.75 as of April 3, 2020.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Lauryn Ayreon Wolaridge has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 140825 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 Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:

a. FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

4. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 490 and 4301 subdivision (l) of the Code, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered pharmacy technician, as more fully described in the Accusation.

b. SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dangerous Use of a Drug)

5. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, and 4301, subdivision (h), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as more fully described in the Accusation.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 140825, issued to Respondent Lauryn Ayreon Wolaridge, is revoked.

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 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on June 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

It is so ORDERED on May 19, 2020.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By



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Board President

Attachment:
Exhibit A: Accusation

Exhibit A

Accusation

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ACCUSATION

15 **Pharmacy Technician Registration**
16 **No. TCH 140825**

17 Respondent.

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
20 as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.

21 2. On or about February 20, 2015, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy
22 Technician Registration Number TCH 140825 to Lauryn Ayreon Wolaridge (Respondent). The
23 Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
24 brought herein, expired on April 30, 2018, and has not been renewed.

25 **JURISDICTION**

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

1 4. Section 4300 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the
2 board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.

3 5. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

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

10 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

11 6. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or
12 revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially
13 related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the
14 license was issued.

15 7. Section 493 states:

16 “Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within
17 the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a
18 license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the
19 ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the
20 qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of a
21 crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact,
22 and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in
23 order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the
24 qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question. As used in this section, ‘license’
25 includes ‘certificate,’ ‘permit,’ ‘authority,’ and ‘registration.’”

26 8. Section 4301 states in pertinent part:

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

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1 “(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous
2 drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to
3 oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or
4 to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public
5 practice.

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7 “(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United
8 States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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10 “(l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and
11 duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13
12 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled
13 substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or
14 dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the
15 record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.
16 The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order
17 to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances
18 or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the
19 qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or
20 a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning
21 of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the
22 judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made
23 suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of
24 the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not
25 guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or
26 indictment.

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1 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

2 12. "Cocaine," is a Schedule II Controlled Substance under Health and Safety Code
3 section 11055. It is also a dangerous drug. Benzoyllecgonine is the compound tested for in most
4 substantive cocaine urinalyses. It is the corresponding carboxylic acid of cocaine, its methyl ester.
5 It is formed in the liver by the metabolism of cocaine, catalysed by carboxylesterases, and
6 subsequently excreted in the urine

7 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

8 **(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)**

9 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 490 and 4301
10 subdivision (l) of the Code, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section
11 1770, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications,
12 functions, and duties of a registered pharmacy technician, as follows:

13 a. On or about October 22, 2019, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count
14 of violation Vehicle Code section 23103(A) [reckless driving] and one misdemeanor count of
15 Vehicle Code section 12500(A) [driving without a valid driver's license] in the criminal
16 proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v.. Lauryn Ayreon Wolaridge*, (Super.
17 Ct. Los Angeles, 2018, No. 8BL03341). The court placed Respondent on 36 months of probation,
18 ordered him to enroll in and complete a 6-month DUI program, with terms and conditions.

19 b. The underlying circumstances are that on January 29, 2018, the arresting officer
20 responded to a call from California Highway Patrol for a traffic collision. The officer observed
21 that Respondent's eyes were glossy and that there was a white thick substance on the edges of her
22 mouth. Upon questioning, she admitted to smoking marijuana the night before. Respondent
23 failed to perform field sobriety tests as explained and demonstrated. In addition, she agreed to
24 take a drug recognition report. The Laboratory Examination Report showed that the Respondent's
25 submitted blood sample contained 194 ng/ml of Benzoyllecgonine.

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1 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Dangerous Use of a Drug)**

3 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, and 4301,
4 subdivision (h), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on or about January 29, 2018,
5 Respondent was involved in a traffic collision and subsequently tested positive for
6 Benzoylecgonine. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set
7 forth above in paragraph 13, inclusive as though set forth fully.

8 **PRAYER**

9 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
10 and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

11 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 140825,
12 issued to Lauryn Ayreon Wolaridge;

13 2. Ordering Lauryn Ayreon Wolaridge to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable
14 costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions
15 Code section 125.3; and,

16 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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19 DATED: February 26, 2020



20 ANNE SODERGREN
21 Executive Officer
22 Board of Pharmacy
23 Department of Consumer Affairs
24 State of California
25 *Complainant*

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