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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

PORTERVILLE EXPRESS SPECIALTY PHARMACY LLC dba EXPRESS SPECIALTY PHARMACY; ISKANDER MOHAMED HUSSEIN, MANAGER, 50% SHAREHOLDER; ANAS BAYTAMOUNY, MANAGER, 50% SHAREHOLDER, AND PHARMACIST-IN-CHARGE, Pharmacy Permit No. 57050; and

> ISKANDER MOHAMED HUSSEIN, Registered Pharmacy License No. RPH 58730; and

ANAS BAYTAMOUNY, Registered Pharmacy License No. RPH 57016,

Respondents

Agency Case No. 7036

OAH No. 2021040514

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval 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 December 1, 2021.

It is so ORDERED on November 1, 2021.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Seung W. Oh, Pharm.D. Board President

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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 7036
13	PORTERVILLE EXPRESS SPECIALTY	
14	PHARMACY LLC DBA EXPRESS SPECIALTY PHARMACY; ISKANDER	OAH No. 2021040514
15	MOHAMED HUSSEIN, MANAGER, 50% SHAREHOLDER; ANAS	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC
16	BAYTAMOUNY, MANAGER, 50% SHAREHOLDER, AND PHARMACIST-	REPROVAL
17	IN-CHARGE 301 E. Olive Avenue	FOR PORTERVILLE EXPRESS SPECIALTY PHARMACY LLC DBA
18	Porterville, CA 93257 Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 57050,	EXPRESS SPECIALTY PHARMACY AND ISKANDER MOHAMED HUSSEIN
19	ISKANDER MOHAMED HUSSEIN	[Bus. & Prof. Code § 495]
20	825 Central Valley Hwy. A Shafter, CA 93263	
21	Registered Pharmacist License No. RPH 58730,	
22	ANAS BAYTAMOUNY	
23	P.O. Box 27 Bakersfield, CA 93302	
24	Registered Pharmacist License No. RPH 57016	
25	Respondents.	
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27		EED by and between the parties to the above-
28	entitled proceedings that the following matters are	e true:
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1	PARTIES
2	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy
3	(Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by
4	Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Mabel Lew, Deputy Attorney General.
5	2. Respondents Porterville Express Specialty Pharmacy LLC dba Express Specialty
6	Pharmacy (Respondent Pharmacy), and Iskander Mohamed Hussein as its Manager, 50%
7	shareholder, are represented in this proceeding by attorney Ivan Petrzelka, whose address is:
8	55 Cetus, 1st Floor
9	Irvine, CA 92618.
10	JURISDICTION
11	3. On or about January 10, 2020, the Board issued Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 57050 to
12	Porterville Express Specialty Pharmacy LLC dba Express Specialty Pharmacy (Respondent
13	Pharmacy), with Iskander Mohamed Hussein as its Manager, 50% shareholder. The Pharmacy
14	Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
15	expire on January 1, 2022, unless renewed.
16	4. On or about August 25, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Registered Pharmacist
17	License Number RPH 58730 to Iskander Mohamed Hussein (Respondent Hussein). The
18	Registered Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
19	brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2022, unless renewed.
20	5. Accusation No. 7036 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against
21	Respondents. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served
22	on Respondent on January 22, 2021. Respondents timely filed the Notice of Defense contesting
23	the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 7036 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein
24	by reference.
25	ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS
26	6. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the
27	charges and allegations in Accusation No. 7036. Respondents have also carefully read, fully
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discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval.

7. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at their own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their 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.

8. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and
every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

9. Respondent Pharmacy understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in
 Accusation No. 7036, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon its
 Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050.

16 10. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
17 further proceedings, Respondent Pharmacy agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish
18 a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent Pharmacy hereby gives up
19 its right to contest those charges.

20 11. Respondent Pharmacy agrees that its Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050 is
21 subject to discipline and it agrees to be bound by the Disciplinary Order below.

12. Respondent Hussein admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in theAccusation.

13. Respondent Hussein agrees that his Registered Pharmacist License Number RPH
58730 is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Disciplinary Order below.

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CONTINGENCY

14. This Stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondents understand
and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with

the Board regarding this Stipulation and Settlement, without notice to or participation by 2 Respondents or their counsel. By signing this Stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind this Stipulation prior to the time the 3 Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this Stipulation as its Decision and 4 5 Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the 6 parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this 7 8 matter.

9 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval, including PDF 10 and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals. 11

16. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is intended by 12 the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment 13 14 of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated 15 Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval may not be altered, amended, modified, 16 supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative 17 of each of the parties. 18

19 17. 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 20**Disciplinary Order:** 21

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050 and Registered 23 24 Pharmacist License Number RPH 58730 issued to Respondents shall be publicly reproved by the Board under Business and Professions Code section 495 in resolution of Accusation No. 7036, 25 attached as Exhibit A. 26

Ethics Course. Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this decision, 27 Respondent Hussein shall enroll in a course of ethics, at respondent's expense, approved in 28

advance by the board or its designee that complies with Title 16 California Code of Regulations
 section 1773.5. Respondent shall provide proof of enrollment upon request. Within five (5) days
 of completion, respondent shall submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the board or its
 designee.

Cost Recovery. Respondents shall pay \$10,000 to the Board for their costs associated with the investigation and enforcement of this matter. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of these costs. Respondents shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board. If Respondents fail to pay the Board costs as ordered, Respondents shall not be allowed to renew their Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050 and Registered Pharmacist License Number RPH 58730. In addition, the Board may enforce this order for payment of its costs in any appropriate court, in addition to any other rights the Board may have.

Full Compliance. As a resolution of the charges in Accusation No. 7036, this stipulated settlement is contingent upon Respondents' full compliance with all conditions of this Order. If Respondents fail to satisfy any of these conditions, such failure to comply constitutes cause for discipline, including outright revocation, of Respondents' Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050 and Registered Pharmacist License Number RPH 58730.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public
Reproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Ivan Petrzelka. I understand the
stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050 and
Registered Pharmacist License Number RPH 58730. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and
Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be
bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

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28		SPECIALTY PHARMACY Respondent
27		PHARMACY, LLC; DBA EXPRESS
26		PORTERVILLE EXPRESS SPECIALTY
25	DATED:	ISKANDER MOHAMED HUSSEIN, MANAGER
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27		PHARMACY, LLC; DBA EXPRESS SPECIALTY PHARMACY
28		Respondent
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2	LLC; dba Express Specialty Pharmacy and Iskander Mohamed Hussein the terms and conditions
3	and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public
4	Reproval. I approve its form and content.
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6	DATED:
7	IVAN PETRZELKA Attorney for Respondent
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11	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>
12	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby
13	respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of
14	Consumer Affairs.
15	DATED: Respectfully submitted,
16	ROB BONTA
17	Attorney General of California DAVID E. BRICE
18	Supervising Deputy Attorney General
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21	Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 7036

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15 16	MANAGER, 50% SHAREHOLDER, AND PHARMACIST-IN-CHARGE	
17	301 E. Olive Avenue Porterville, CA 93257 Pharmacy License No. PHY 57050,	
18	ISKANDER MOHAMED HUSSEIN	
19	825 Central Valley Hwy. A Shafter, CA 93263	
20	Registered Pharmacist License No. RPH 58730,	
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22	Registered Pharmacist License No. RPH 57016	
23 24	Respondents.	
	PARTIES	
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26	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings this	
27	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, De	epartment of Consumer Affairs.
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1	2. On or about January 10, 2020, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy
2	License Number PHY 57050 to Porterville Express Specialty Pharmacy LLC dba Express
3	Specialty Pharmacy (Respondent Pharmacy), with Iskander Mohamed Hussein as its Manager,
4	50% shareholder, and Anas Baytamouny as its Manager, 50% shareholder, and Pharmacist-in-
5	Charge. The Pharmacy License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
6	brought herein and will expire on January 1, 2022, unless renewed.
7	3. On or about August 25, 2006, the Board of Pharmacy issued Registered Pharmacist
8	License Number RPH 58730 to Iskander Mohamed Hussein (Respondent Hussein). The
9	Registered Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
10	brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2022, unless renewed.
11	4. On or about May 23, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy issued Registered Pharmacist
12	License Number RPH 57016 to Anas Baytamouny (Respondent Baytamouny). The Registered
13	Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein
14	and will expire on August 31, 2022, unless renewed.
15	5. Respondent Pharmacy, Respondent Hussein, and Respondent Baytamouny are
16	referred to collectively hereinafter as "Respondents".
17	JURISDICTION
18	6. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following
19	laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise
20	indicated.
21	7. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:
22	"The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by
23	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
24	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."
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1	8. Section 4300 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
2	"(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
3	(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default
4	has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods:
5	(1) Suspending judgment.
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7	(2) Placing him or her upon probation.
8	(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.
9	(4) Revoking his or her license.
10	(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its discretion may deem proper.
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12	(e) The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5
13	(commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein. The action shall be final,
14	except that the propriety of the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure."
15	STATUTES AND REGULATIONS
16	9. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
17	"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional
18	conduct or whose license has been issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:
19	(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the
20	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
21	regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency."
22	10. Section 4307, subdivision (a), of the Code states, in pertinent part:
23	(a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is
24	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,
25	associate, partner, or any other person with management or control of any partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or
26	revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other
27	person with management or control had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any
28	conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation,
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1	shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with management or control of a licensee as follows:
2	ncensee as follows.
3	(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
4	five years.
5	(2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until
6	the license is issued or reinstated.
7	(b) Manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control of a license" as used in this section and
8	Section 4308, may refer to a pharmacist or to any other person who serves in such
9	capacity in or for a licensee."
10	11. Section 4312, of the Code states, in pertinent part:
11	"(a) The board may cancel the license of a wholesaler, third-party logistics provider,
12	pharmacy, veterinary food-animal drug retailer, or outsourcing facility if the licensed premises remain closed, as defined in subdivision (e), other than by order of the board.
13	For good cause shown, the board may cancel a license after a shorter period of closure.
14	To cancel a license pursuant to this subdivision, the board shall make a diligent, good faith effort to give notice by personal service on the licensee. If a written objection is not
15	received within 10 days after personal service is made or a diligent, good faith effort to give notice by personal service on the licensee has failed, the board may cancel the
16	license without the necessity of a hearing. If the licensee files a written objection, the board shall file an accusation based on the licensee remaining closed. Proceedings
17	shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of
18	Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted in that chapter.
19	 (e) For the purposes of this section, "closed" means not engaged in the ordinary activity
20	for which a license has been issued for at least one day each calendar week during any 120-day period."
21	COST RECOVERY
22	12. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
23	administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
24	the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
25	enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being
26	renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
27	included in a stipulated settlement.
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1	FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS
2	13. On November 28, 2018, a community pharmacy permit application was received by
3	the Board for "Porterville Express Specialty Pharmacy LLC", located at 301 E. Olive Avenue,
4	Suite A, Porterville, California. The anticipated opening date was listed as "2-01-18" ¹ . The
5	Limited Liability Company information listed Respondent Baytamouny as the chief executive
6	officer and Respondent Hussein as the president.
7	14. On April 29, 2019, the community pharmacy permit application was amended and
8	received by the Board on May 3, 2019. The pharmacy name was changed to "Express Specialty
9	Pharmacy", located at 301 E. Olive Avenue, Suite A, Porterville, California. The anticipated
10	opening date was listed as "8-1-2019". The Limited Liability Company information listed
11	Respondents Baytamouny and Hussein as managers.
12	15. On January 2, 2020, the Board sent an email to the email address provided on the
13	application ² , with information that the pharmacy application had been reviewed and was ready to
14	issue. The Board requested a confirmation opening date, and cited the requirement of Code
15	section 4312 as: "a licensee must engage in ordinary activity for which the license is issued at
16	least one day each calendar week during any 120-day period".
17	16. On January 6, 2020, Respondent Hussein ³ responded to the Board's email that he
18	planned to open on "1-9-2020" and would appreciate it if the license could be issued as soon as
19	possible so that they may start officially ordering drugs from its wholesaler, McKesson Drugs.
20	The Board again cited the requirement of Code section 4312.
21	17. On January 9, 2020, the Board sent an email to Respondent Hussein that the license
22	was scheduled to be issued that day $(1/09/2020)$ and to send confirmation opening date.
23	18. On January 10, 2020, Respondent Hussein responded to the email requesting that the
24	license issue on "1-10-2020". The Board responded that the license (PHY 57050) was issued on
25	1/10/20 with an expiration date of $1/1/21$, and again cited the requirement of Code section 4312.
26	¹ The year of the anticipated opening of the pharmacy may have been a typographical
27	error, and the applicant likely meant the year "2020", since the application was submitted on $11/28/18$.
28	 ² The email on the application was torolocoinc@yahoo.com. ³ "Alex Hussein" a/k/a Respondent Iskander Hussein.
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19. On January 23, 2020, the Board mailed the original wall license to Respondent Pharmacy's address. However, on June 8, 2020, the license was returned to the Board by the United States Postal Service, which raised a concern that Respondent Pharmacy may not have opened.

20. On June 17, 2020, Board Inspector K.R.-P. (BI) went to perform an inspection at 5 Respondent Pharmacy at its address of record. She noticed that the Respondent Pharmacy was 6 not located at the address listed on the permit: the Respondent Pharmacy was located at "Suite 7 301", and not at "Suite 301A". She saw signs on the outside of the building and on the windows 8 9 which stated, "Express Pharmacy Coming Soon". Although the windows were covered, BI was 10 able to see that the interior seemed to be under construction: the shelves were empty, ceiling tiles were missing, and the floor did not appear to be completed. BI did not see any computer 11 equipment. She was able to contact Respondent Hussein and confirmed that no pharmacy 12 business had occurred as of June 17, 2020. BI asked when he planned to open the pharmacy. 13 14 Respondent Hussein told her he planned to open the pharmacy "the following week", and explained that "COVID" was the cause for the delayed opening. Respondent Hussein told her the 15 computers and shelving were ready. When BI told him she was at the pharmacy's location and 16 that it did not appear to her that the pharmacy was ready to open, his response was, "Oh." BI told 17 him that she needed an exact opening date. Respondent Hussein's response was that he would 18 19 open the pharmacy "in exactly 3 weeks" (July 8, 2020).

20 21. As of June 18, 2020, no change of permit had been received by the Board correcting
21 Respondent Pharmacy's address.

22 22. On July 21, 2020, BI confirmed that no pharmacy business had occurred to date. BI
23 communicated with Respondent Baytamouny, who informed her that Respondent Pharmacy
24 would be ready to open on July 22nd or 23rd, 2020. BI cited the requirement of Code section
25 4312.

26 23. On August 3, 2020, the Board issued Respondents a written notice of their failure to
27 comply with Code section 4312.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
(Voiding License of Entity Remaining Closed)
24. Respondent Pharmacy, Respondent Hussein, and Respondent Baytamouny are subject
to disciplinary action under Code section 4312, subdivisions (a) and (e), in that Porterville
Express Specialty Pharmacy LLC dba Express Specialty Pharmacy, PHY 57050, located at 301
E. Olive Avenue, Suite A, Porterville, California was not compliant. Specifically, from 1/10/20
through 7/21/20, Respondents failed to conduct pharmacy business from this location. Failure to
conduct ordinary pharmacy business for at least one day each calendar week for more than 120
days is a violation of Business and Professions Code 4312(a) as related to 4312(e).
25. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth
above in paragraphs 13-23, inclusive, as though set forth fully.
OTHER MATTERS
26. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number
PHY 57050 issued to Porterville Express Specialty Pharmacy LLC dba Express Specialty
Pharmacy, Respondent Hussein, Manager, 50% shareholder, and Respondent Baytamouny,
Manager, 50% shareholder, and PIC, 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 57050 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number
PHY 57050 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 Pharmacy License Number PHY 57050, issued to Porterville
Express Specialty Pharmacy LLC dba Express Specialty Pharmacy, Respondent Hussein,
Manager and 50% shareholder, and Respondent Baytamouny, Manager, 50% shareholder, and
Pharmacist-in-Charge;
2. Revoking or suspending Registered Pharmacist License Number RPH 58730, issued
to Iskander Mohamed Hussein;
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1	3. Revoking or suspending Registered Pharmacist License Number RPH 57016, issued			
2	to Anas Baytamouny;			
3	4.	4. Prohibiting Iskander Mohamed Hussein from serving as a manager, administrator,		
4	owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy			
5	Permit Number PHY 57050 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050			
6	is reinstated if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050 issued to Porterville Express Specialty			
7	Pharmacy LLC dba Express Specialty Pharmacy is revoked;			
8	5. Prohibiting Anas Baytamouny from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,			
9	member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit			
10	Number PHY 57050 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050 is			
11	reinstated if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 57050 issued to Porterville Express Specialty			
12	Pharmacy LLC dba Express Specialty Pharmacy is revoked;			
13	6. Ordering Iskander Hussein and Anas Baytamouny to pay the Board of Pharmacy the			
14	reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and			
15	Professions Code section 125.3; and,			
16	7. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.			
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18	DATED:	1/19/2021	Signature on File ANNE SODERGREN	
19			Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy	
20			Department of Consumer Affairs State of California	
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