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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

GABRIEL MORFIN, Respondent

Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 151569

Agency Case No. 7387

OAH No. 2023050789

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License 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 March 15, 2024

It is so ORDERED on February 14, 2024.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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	BOARD OF PHARM	ACY
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUM STATE OF CALIFOR	
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 7387
12	GABRIEL MORFIN 8612 N. Cedar Avenue	OAH No. 2023050789
13	Unit 101 Fresno, CA 93720	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 151569	
15	Respondent.	
1617	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by	and between the parties to the above-
18	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:	
19	<u>PARTIES</u>	
20	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executiv	ve Officer of the Board of Pharmacy
21	(Board). She brought this action solely in her official capa	acity and is represented in this matter by
22	Rob Bonta, California State Attorney General, by Kevin V	V. Bell, Deputy Attorney General.
23	2. Gabriel Morfin (Respondent) is representing h	nimself in this proceeding and has
24	chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by couns	el.
	3. On or about December 18, 2015, the Board iss	sued Pharmacy Technician Registration
25	No. TCH 151569 to Gabriel Morfin (Respondent). The Pl	•
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27	full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges bro	bught in Accusation No. /38/ and Will
28	expire on October 31, 2023, unless renewed.	

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 7387 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 April 24, 2023. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of the Accusation is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 7387. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his 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 his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his 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.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 7387, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 151569 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Pharmacy Technician Registration without further process.

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Pharmacy or other licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- 11. 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. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his 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.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 151569, issued to Respondent Gabriel Morfin, is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

- Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacy Technician in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If he ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 7387 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.
- 5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$5,446.25 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.
- 6. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for three (3) years from the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 7. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 7387 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. 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.

DATED:

10-31-2023

Gabriel Morfin

GABRIEL MORFIN
Respondent

1	END	<u>ORSEMENT</u>
2	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of	License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
3	for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy	of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
4	DATED:	Respectfully submitted,
5		ROB BONTA
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10		Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 7387

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14 15	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 151569	
16	Respondent.	
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18	PART	TIES
19	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings	s this Accusation solely in her official capacity
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy	y (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs.
21	2. On or about December 18, 2015, the I	Board issued Pharmacy Technician Registration
22	Number TCH 151569 to Gabriel Morfin (Respond	dent). The Pharmacy Technician Registration
23	was in full force and effect at all times relevant to	the charges brought herein and will expire on
24	October 31, 2023, unless renewed.	
25	<u>JURISDI</u>	<u>CTION</u>
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the	Board under the authority of the following
27	laws. All section references are to the Business an	nd Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise
28	indicated.	
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1	4.	Code section 4300, subdivision (a), states, "Every license issued may be suspended or
2	revoked."	
3	5.	Code section 4300.1 states:
4		The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license
5	of a l	peration of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement icense on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall leprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation
6 7	of, o	r action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision ending or revoking the license.
8		STATUTORY PROVISIONS
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9	0.	Code section 4301 states, in pertinent part:
10		The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of ofessional conduct or whose license has been issued by mistake. Unprofessional
11	cond	uct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:
12		(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud,
13 14		it, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a see or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.
15 16	abett or of	(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or ing the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy,
17	inclu	ding regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal atory agency.
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19		COST RECOVERY
20	7.	Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
21	administra	tive law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of
22	the licensing	ng act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
23	enforcemen	nt of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being
24	renewed or	reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
25	included in	a stipulated settlement.
26		FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
27		(Commission of Act Involving Moral Turpitude)
28	8.	Respondent has subjected his license to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section

4301, subdivision (f), by and through Code section 4301, subdivision (o), in that he committed an act of moral turpitude. The circumstances are as follows:

- 9. On or about February 3, 2020, an officer with the Fresno Police Department was dispatched to a confidential address based on a report of a sexual assault. The victim (V-1) stated that on the night of February 1, 2020, her friend, later identified as Respondent, had nonconsensual sexual intercourse with her while she was sleeping. On or about March 9, 2020, V-1 met with officers at the Fresno Police Department Headquarters. A pretext phone call was completed between V-1 and Respondent. During the conversation, Respondent admitted to having nonconsensual sexual intercourse with V-1 while she was asleep in her bed. On or about March 10, 2020, Respondent was arrested for violating Penal Code 261, subdivision (a)(2) (rape by force/fear) in Fresno County.
- 10. On or about August 31, 2022, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office filed the criminal case entitled *The People of the State of California vs. Gabriel Morfin* (Fresno County Sup. Ct. Case No. F229036698) against Respondent for violating Penal Code section 261, subdivision (a)(2) (rape by force/fear), and Penal Code section 261, subdivision (a)(4) (rape of an unconscious person), both felonies. An arrest warrant was issued on or about September 15, 2022. The criminal matter is still pending.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

11. Respondent has subjected his license to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 4301, in that Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct, as set forth more fully in paragraphs 8 through 10 above, and incorporated by reference.

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 Technician Registration Number TCH 151569, issued to Gabriel Morfin;

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