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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

LORI DAWN GREGORY, Respondent

Pharmacist License No. RPH 42534

Agency Case No. 7570

#### **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 January 17, 2024.

It is so ORDERED on December 18, 2023.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Βv

Seung W. Oh, Pharm.D. Board President

1	ROB BONTA	
2	Attorney General of California KAREN R. DENVIR	
3	Supervising Deputy Attorney General STEPHANIE ALAMO-LATIF	
4	Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 283580	
5	1300 I Street, Suite 125 P.O. Box 944255	
6	Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 Telephone: (916) 210-6112	
7	Facsimile: (916) 327-8643	
8	E-mail: Stephanie.AlamoLatif@doj.ca.gov  Attorneys for Complainant	
9	BEFOR	E THE
10	BOARD OF F DEPARTMENT OF C	_
11	STATE OF C.	
12		
13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 7570
14	LORI DAWN GREGORY 405 Pecan Hollow Dr.	
15	Coppell, TX 75019	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER
16	Pharmacist License No. RPH 42534	LICENSE AND ORDER
17	Respondent.	
18		
19		
20	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGR	EED by and between the parties to the above-
21	entitled proceedings that the following matters are	e true:
22	PART	TIES .
23	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the	Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy
24	(Board), Department of Consumer Affairs. She b	rought this action solely in her official capacity
25	and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, A	ttorney General of the State of California, by
26	Stephanie Alamo-Latif, Deputy Attorney General	
27	2. Lori Dawn Gregory (Respondent) is r	epresenting herself in this proceeding and has
28	chosen not to exercise her right to be represented	by counsel.
		1

3. On or about April 10, 1989, the Board issued Pharmacist License No. RPH 42534 to Respondent. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 7570 and will expire on June 30, 2024, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

4. Accusation No. 7570 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 September 14, 2023. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 7570 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. 7570. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her 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 her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her 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. 7570, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders her Pharmacist License No. RPH 42534 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Pharmacist License 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. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her 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), facsimile, and/or electronic copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF, facsimile and/or electronic 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 Pharmacist License No. RPH 42534, issued to Respondent Lori Dawn Gregory, is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

 The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacist License 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.

- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacist in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If she 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. 7570 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 \$2,848.75 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.
- 6. 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. 7570 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.
- 7. Respondent may not apply for any license, permit, or registration from the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. 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:	
	LORI DAWN GREGORY
	Respondent

This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacist in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If she 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. 7570 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 \$2,848.75 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.
- 6. 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. 7570 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.
- 7. Respondent may not apply for any license, permit, or registration from the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

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

LORI DAWN GREGORY

Respondent

1	EN	NDORSEMENT .
2	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender	of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
3	for consideration by the Board of Pharmac	cy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
4	DATED:	Respectfully submitted,
5		ROB BONTA
6		Attorney General of California KAREN R. DENVIR Supervising Deputy Attorney General
7		
8		STEPHANIE ALAMO-LATIF
9 10		Deputy Attorney General  Attorneys for Complainant
11		
12		
13	SA2023303036 37593729.docx	
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		
19		
20		
21		
22		
23		
24		
25		
26		
27		
28		
		5

**ENDORSEMENT** The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. DATED: 11/1/2023 Respectfully submitted, ROB BONTA Attorney General of California KAREN R. DENVIR Supervising Deputy Attorney General STEPHANIE ALAMO-LATIF Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SA2023303036 37593729.docx 

#### Exhibit A

Accusation No. 7570

1	ROB BONTA	
2	Attorney General of California KAREN R. DENVIR	
3	Supervising Deputy Attorney General STEPHANIE ALAMO-LATIF	
4	Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 283580	
5	1300 I Street, Suite 125 P.O. Box 944255	
6 7	Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 Telephone: (916) 210-6112 Facsimile: (916) 327-8643 E-mail: Stephanie.AlamoLatif@doj.ca.gov	
8	Attorneys for Complainant	
9	BEFOR	E THE
10	BOARD OF P DEPARTMENT OF CO	PHARMACY
11	STATE OF CA	ALIFORNIA
12		
13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 7570
14	LORI DAWN GREGORY 405 Pecan Hollow Dr.	
15	Coppell, TX 75019	ACCUSATION
16	Pharmacist License No. RPH 42534	
17	Respondent.	
18		
19		
20	PART	
21	1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings	s this Accusation solely in her official capacity
22	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmac	y (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs.
23	2. On or about April 10, 1989, the Board	l issued Pharmacist License Number RPH
24	42534 to Lori Dawn Gregory (Respondent). The	Pharmacist License was in full force and effect
25	at all times relevant to the charges brought herein	and will expire on June 30, 2024, unless
26	renewed.	
27	\\\	
28	\\\	
		1

1	or order use of the device.
2	(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
3	9. Code section 4301 states, in pertinent part:
4	The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to,
5	any of the following:
7 8	(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.
9	(g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely
10	represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.
11	•••
12	(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.
13	
14	(n) The revocation, suspension, or other discipline by another state of a license to
15	practice pharmacy, operate a pharmacy, or do any other act for which a license is required by this chapter that would be grounds for revocation, suspension, or other
16	discipline under this chapter. Any disciplinary action taken by the board pursuant to this section shall be coterminous with action taken by another state, except that the
17	term of any discipline taken by the board may exceed that of another state, consistent with the board's enforcement guidelines. The evidence of discipline by another state is conclusive proof of unprofessional conduct.
18	(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or
19	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
20	pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.
21	
22	
23	10. Health and Safety Code section 11170 states:
24	No person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself.
25	11. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a) states:
26	No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to
27	procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit,
28	misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.

### 

#### COST RECOVERY

12. Code section 125.3 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.

#### **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Discipline by the State of Texas)

13. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 4301, subdivision (n), in that on or about on or about May 3, 2022, by Agreed Texas State Board of Pharmacy Order, Case No. 2021-04290 ("Agreed Board Order #2021-04290"), the Texas Board of Pharmacy placed Respondent's Texas pharmacist license on probation for five years with terms and conditions, effective June 2, 2022. The causes for the disciplinary action were that on or between April 18, 2020 and April 1, 2021, while working as the Pharmacist In Charge (PIC) of a pharmacy in Dallas, Texas, Respondent fraudulently created approximately 66 prescriptions and refills for controlled substances and dangerous drugs under fictitious patient names, purportedly authorized by physicians and advanced practice nurses (APNs). Those physicians and APNs did not authorize those prescriptions. Respondent dispensed those prescriptions to herself for her own consumption. A true and correct copy of the Agreed Board Order #2021-04290 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Acts Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption)

14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (f), in that Respondent committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, when she fraudulently created prescriptions and refills for controlled substances and dangerous drugs under fictitious patient names, purportedly authorized by physicians and APNs, who did not actually authorize those prescriptions. Respondent dispensed those prescriptions to

herself for her own consumption. The facts and circumstances are more fully set forth above in paragraph 13.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Knowingly Making or Signing Any Certificate or Other Document that Falsely Represents the Existence or Nonexistence of a State of Facts)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (g), in that she knowingly made or signed documents that falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts, when she fraudulently created prescriptions and refills for controlled substances and dangerous drugs under fictitious patient names, purportedly authorized by physicians and APNs, who did not actually authorize those prescriptions. Respondent dispensed those prescriptions to herself for her own consumption. The facts and circumstances are more fully set forth above in paragraph 13.

#### **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Obtain Controlled Substances by Fraud, Deceit, Misrepresentation, or Subterfuge)

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), for violating Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), in that on or between April 18, 2020 and April 1, 2021, Respondent obtained controlled substances by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge, when she fraudulently created approximately 66 prescriptions and refills for controlled substances and dangerous drugs under fictitious patient names, purportedly authorized by physicians and Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs). Those physicians and APNs did not authorize those prescriptions. Respondent dispensed those prescriptions to herself for her own consumption. The facts and circumstances are more fully set forth above in paragraph 13.

#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Unlawfully Furnished and Self-Administered Controlled Substances)

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), for violating Health and Safety Code section 11170, and Code section 4059, subdivision (a), in that on or between April 18, 2020 and April 1, 2021, Respondent unlawfully

furnished and administered controlled substances to herself. The facts and circumstances are more fully set forth above in paragraph 13.

#### **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Unlawfully Possessed Controlled Substances)

18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivisions (j) and/or (o), for violating Code section 4060, in that on or between April 18, 2020 and April 1, 2021, Respondent unlawfully possessed controlled substances, without authorization or a valid order or prescription. The facts and circumstances are more fully set forth above in paragraph 13.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Violation of State Statutes, Other States, or United States Regulating Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs)

19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (j), in that she violated the statutes of Texas and California regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs. The facts and circumstances are as follows: As set forth above in paragraph 13, on or between April 18, 2020 and April 1, 2021, Respondent fraudulently created approximately 66 prescriptions and refills for controlled substances and dangerous drugs under fictitious patient names, purportedly authorized by physicians and Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs). Those physicians and APNs did not authorize those prescriptions. Respondent dispensed those prescriptions to herself for her own consumption. Respondent's acts violated the following provisions:

#### **Texas**

- a. Section 565.00l(a)(l), (2), (4), (5), (7), (9)(A), (12), (13) and (15) of the Texas Pharmacy Act, TEX OCC CODE ANN. Title 3, Subtitle J (2021).
- b. Sections 281.7(a)(l), (4), (12), (13), (20) and (23)(A); 281.7(c); 291.32(a)(2)(H); 291.32(c)(l)(E); and 295.3 of the Texas Pharmacy Board Rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE (2021).
- c. Sections 481.1285(b) and (c); 481.129(a)(5); and 481.129(d) of the Texas Controlled Substances Act, TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ANN. (2021).

	Sodergren, Digitally signed by Sodergren, Anne@DCA
DATED: 9/13/2023	Anne@DCA Date: 2023.09.13 17:35:21
	ANNE SODERGREN Executive Officer
	Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs State of California
	State of California <i>Complainant</i>
	•
SA2023303036	
37311278.docx	

(LORI DAWN GREGORY) ACCUSATION