

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

**In the Matter of the Accusation Against:**

**AMRITPAL SINGH GREWAL, Respondent**

**Pharmacist License No. RPH 52888**

**Agency Case No. 7684**

**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 8, 2025.

It is so ORDERED on December 9, 2024.

BOARD OF PHARMACY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By



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15 **14604 Meadowbrook Ln.**  
16 **Corona, CA 92880**

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND ORDER**

17 **Pharmacist License Number RPH 52888**

Respondent.

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19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
20 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy  
23 (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by  
24 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Alvaro Mejia, Deputy Attorney  
25 General.

26 2. Amritpal Singh Grewal (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and  
27 has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

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**CONTINGENCY**

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2           10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands  
3 and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly  
4 with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by  
5 Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not  
6 withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers  
7 and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the  
8 Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this  
9 paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not  
10 be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

11           11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile  
12 copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures  
13 thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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

20           13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
21 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

**ORDER**

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23           IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License Number RPH 52888, issued to  
24 Respondent Amritpal Singh Grewal, is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

25           1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacist License and the acceptance of the  
26 surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent.  
27 This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's  
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1 license history with the Board. Respondent understands and acknowledges that for purposes of  
2 Business and Professions Code section 4307, this stipulated surrender is the same as a revocation.

3 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacist in California as of the  
4 effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

5 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was  
6 issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

7 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in  
8 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application. Respondent must comply  
9 with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license  
10 in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in  
11 Accusation Number 7684 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when  
12 the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

13 5. Respondent may not reapply for licensure for at least three years from the effective  
14 date of this decision.

15 6. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the  
16 amount of \$5,320.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

17 **ACCEPTANCE**

18 I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the  
19 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated  
20 Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound  
21 by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

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23 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
24 *AMRITPAL SINGH GREWAL*  
*Respondent*

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23 DATED:

08/06/2024

  
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Respondent

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,  
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**ENDORSEMENT**

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DATED: August 6, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation Number 7684**

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**ACCUSATION**

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17 Respondent.

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19 **PARTIES**

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

22 2. On or about September 7, 2001, the Board issued Pharmacist License Number  
23 RPH 52888 to Amritpal Singh Grewal (Respondent). The Pharmacist License expired on July 31,  
24 2023, and was cancelled on September 14, 2023.

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  
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4. Section 4060 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

A person shall not possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, nurse practitioner practicing pursuant to Section 2837.103 or 2837.104, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner practicing pursuant to Section 2836.1, a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, a naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5, or a pharmacist pursuant to Section 4052.1, 4052.2, or 4052.6. This section does not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a . . . pharmacy, pharmacist . . . if in stock in containers correctly labeled with the name and address of the supplier or producer.

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5. Section 4300, subdivision (a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.

6. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by 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 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.

7. Section 4307 of the Code states:

(a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is 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, 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 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 person with management or control had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, 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:

(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 five years.

(2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.

(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

1 and Section 4308, may refer to a pharmacist or to any other person who serves in  
2 such capacity in or for a licensee.

3 (c) The provisions of subdivision (a) may be alleged in any pleading filed  
4 pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of  
5 the Government Code. However, no order may be issued in that case except as to a  
6 person who is named in the caption, as to whom the pleading alleges the applicability  
7 of this section, and where the person has been given notice of the proceeding as  
8 required by Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of  
9 the Government Code. The authority to proceed as provided by this subdivision shall  
10 be in addition to the board's authority to proceed under Section 4339 or any other  
11 provision of law.

### 12 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

13 8. Section 4301 of the Code states:

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

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18 (h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any  
19 dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be  
20 dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or  
21 to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of  
22 the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

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

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### 27 REGULATORY PROVISIONS

28 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states, in pertinent part:

(a) For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility  
license pursuant to Section 141 or Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the  
Business and Professions Code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be  
considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the  
practice, profession, or occupation that may be performed under the license type  
sought or held if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of  
an applicant or licensee to perform the functions authorized by the license in a  
manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare.

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(c) For purposes of subdivision (a), substantially related crimes, professional  
misconduct, or acts shall include, but are not limited to, those which:

1 (1) Violate or attempt to violate, directly or indirectly, or to aid, abet or  
2 conspire to violate, any provision of law of this state, or any other jurisdiction,  
governing the practice of pharmacy.

3 (2) Violate or attempt to violate, directly or indirectly, or to aid, abet or  
4 conspire to violate, any provision of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801 ) of  
5 Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or any law of this  
6 state, or any other jurisdiction, relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs.

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### 7 **COST RECOVERY**

8 10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
9 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of  
10 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
11 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being  
12 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be  
13 included in a stipulated settlement.

### 14 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND DANGEROUS DRUGS**

15 11. Ativan, the brand name for generic lorazepam, is a Schedule IV controlled substance  
16 as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(16), and is categorized as a  
17 dangerous drug pursuant to Code section 4022. Its indications for use include anxiety and seizure  
18 disorder.

19 12. Marijuana/Cannabis is a Schedule I controlled substance as defined in Health and  
20 Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (d)(13), and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant  
21 to Code section 4022. There is no currently accepted medical use for cannabis.

### 22 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

23 13. On or about January 19, 2021, at approximately 9:15 p.m., an officer responded to a  
24 report of a traffic collision in which a vehicle (vehicle #1) crossed over a set of double yellow  
25 lines and collided with an oncoming vehicle (vehicle #2). Vehicle #1 had overturned and  
26 ultimately landed on all four-wheels.

27 14. Upon contact with the driver of vehicle #1, later identified as Respondent,  
28 Respondent claimed that he did not speak English. However, Respondent continuously spoke to

1 the officer in English. As the officer spoke with Respondent, he observed objective symptoms of  
2 intoxication, including watery eyes, extremely slurred speech and Respondent's inability to keep  
3 his balance. Respondent appeared disheveled and had urinated himself. Respondent denied  
4 having consumed alcohol prior to driving, stating he had not consumed alcohol in months.  
5 Additionally, Respondent stated that he had not taken any medication in over a year. The officer  
6 located an orange prescription bottle containing 17 pills in Respondent's pocket. The label on the  
7 prescription bottle identified the pills as lorazepam 1 gram.<sup>1</sup> The prescription label was made out  
8 to a person other than Respondent, to wit, B.G. In addition, Respondent was in possession of two  
9 loose lorazepam 0.5 gram pills.

10 15. The officer administered a series of field sobriety tests, which Respondent failed to  
11 perform as explained and demonstrated. Subsequently, Respondent was arrested for violating  
12 Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (f) (driving under the influence of drugs); violating  
13 Business and Professions Code section 4060 (possession of a prescription furnished to another  
14 person); and violating Health and Safety Code section 11337, subdivision (a) (possession of a  
15 controlled substance); and violating Health and Safety Code section 11550, subdivision (a) (under  
16 the influence of a controlled substance), all misdemeanors. At approximately 10:40 p.m.,  
17 Respondent submitted to a chemical blood draw.

18 16. On or about August 25, 2023, as part of the Board's investigation of this matter, a  
19 Board investigator obtained a copy of Respondent's toxicology report from his January 19, 2021  
20 blood draw. The report for Respondent's blood sample confirmed the presence of lorazepam and  
21 11-nor-9-carboxy-THC (a metabolite of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) after cannabis  
22 consumption).

23 17. As part of its investigation of this matter, a Board investigator reviewed Respondent's  
24 Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) patient activity report.  
25 Respondent's CURES patient activity report did not show any controlled substances dispensed in  
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27 <sup>1</sup> The police report identified the pills as "1 GRAM PILLS OF LORAZEPAM."  
28 However, lorazepam is not dispensed in 1 gram strength, but is commercially available as  
lorazepam 1mg.

1 his name between January 1, 2017 and August 18, 2021 to account for the presence of lorazepam  
2 in this blood or the lorazepam tablets found in his possession at the time of his arrest.

3 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance/Dangerous Drug)**

5 18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (j),  
6 in conjunction with Code section 4060, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that  
7 Respondent was in possession of a controlled substance and dangerous drug, to wit, lorazepam.  
8 Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in  
9 paragraphs 13 through 17, as though fully set forth herein.

10 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

11 **(Dangerous Use of Drugs)**

12 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (h),  
13 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on or about January 19, 2021, Respondent used  
14 controlled substance(s) and/or dangerous drug(s), to wit, lorazepam and cannabis to an extent or  
15 in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself, any person, or the public. Complainant refers to,  
16 and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 13 through 17, as  
17 though fully set forth herein.

18 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

19 **(General Unprofessional Conduct)**

20 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, in that  
21 Respondent committed acts of unprofessional conduct. Complainant refers to, and by this  
22 reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 13 through 17, as though  
23 fully set forth herein.

24 **DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATION**

25 21. As a disciplinary consideration, Complainant alleges that on or about July 27, 2021,  
26 the Board issued Respondent a *Letter of Admonishment*, in Case Number CI 2020 92038, for  
27 dispensing dangerous drugs in incorrectly labeled container. Specifically, between January 1,  
28 2018 and January 28, 2019, Respondent was the pharmacist on duty at a Walgreens Pharmacy in

1 San Dimas, California when he dispensed two prescriptions with the incorrect prescriber on the  
2 label, to wit, Registered Nurse N.M. instead of the prescriber.

3 **OTHER MATTERS**

4 Pursuant to section 4307 of the Code, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License  
5 Number RPH 52888 issued to Respondent Amritpal Singh Grewal, Respondent Amritpal Singh  
6 Grewal shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer,  
7 director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number  
8 RPH 52888 is placed on probation or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 52888 is reinstated  
9 if it is revoked.

10 **PRAYER**

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

- 13 1. Revoking Pharmacist License Number RPH 52888, issued to Amritpal Singh Grewal;
- 14 2. Prohibiting Amritpal Singh Grewal from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,  
15 member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License  
16 Number RPH 52888 is placed on probation or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 52888 is  
17 reinstated if it is revoked;
- 18 3. Ordering Amritpal Singh Grewal to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs  
19 of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
20 section 125.3; and, if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and,  
21 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

22 DATED: 4/15/2024

23 **Sodergren,** Digitally signed by  
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24 ANNE SODERGREN  
25 Executive Officer  
26 Board of Pharmacy  
27 Department of Consumer Affairs  
28 State of California  
*Complainant*

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