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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

RICKY EDWIN LOW
98 Rosa Parks Lane
San Francisco, CA 94103

**Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH
127327**

Respondent.

Case No. 7892

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

[Gov. Code, §11520]

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about March 21, 2025, Complainant Anne Sodergren, in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 7892 against Ricky Edwin Low (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On or about December 10, 2012, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 127327 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician License expired on July 1, 2024, and has not been renewed.

1 3. On or about March 25, 2025, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class
2 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 7892, 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: 98 Rosa Parks Ln., San Francisco, CA 94103.

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

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

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

15 6. The Board takes official notice of its records and the fact that Respondent failed to
16 file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him of the Accusation, and therefore
17 waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 7892.

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

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

23 8. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds
24 Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the
25 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter,
26 finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 7892, are separately and severally, found
27 to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

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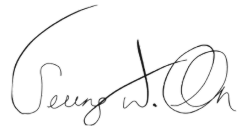
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1 Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a
2 written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within
3 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may
4 vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

5 This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2025.

6 It is so ORDERED on August 18, 2025.

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9 SEUNG W. OH, PHARM.D.
10 BOARD PRESIDENT
11 FOR THE BOARD OF PHARMACY
12 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

13 DOJ Matter ID:OK2024900405
14 Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation

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Exhibit A

Accusation

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15 San Francisco, CA 94103

ACCUSATION

16 **Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH**
127327

17 Respondent.
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20 **PARTIES**

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

23 2. On or about December 10, 2012, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician
24 License Number TCH 127327 to Ricky Edwin Low (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician
25 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this Accusation
26 and expired on March 31, 2024 and was canceled on July 1, 2024.

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1 **JURISDICTION**

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

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

7 5. Section 4300.1 of the Code provides that the expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or
8 suspension of a Board-issued license, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the
9 voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee, shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to
10 commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the
11 licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

12 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

13 6. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

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:

16 . . .

17 (f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud,
18 deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a
19 licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not

19 . . .

20 (p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license.

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22 7. Section 4307 of the Code states:

23 (a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been
24 revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it
25 was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member,
26 officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control of
27 any partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or association whose application for a license
28 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,

1 administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other
2 position with management or control of a licensee as follows:

3 (1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is
4 placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to
5 exceed five years.

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

8 (b) Manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate,
9 partner, or any other person with management or control of a license as used in this
10 section and Section 4308, may refer to a pharmacist or to any other person who serves
11 in such capacity in or for a licensee.

12 **COST RECOVERY**

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

19 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

20 **(Arrest #1 - December 17, 2021)**

21 9. On December 17, 2021, officers from the San Francisco Police Department
22 responded to a report of a victim being beaten and held hostage at a residence. Upon arriving to
23 the residence, the officer met with Respondent who had answered the door. The victim was
24 standing behind Respondent and quickly walked out of the apartment towards the responding
25 officer. The officer spoke with the victim who stated she had arrived at Respondent's apartment
26 the day prior to collect some of her belongings. The victim stated Respondent locked her inside of
27 a bedroom and began arguing with her, accusing her of cheating on him and wanted to see her
28 cellphone. Respondent grabbed her cellphone out of her purse and after looking through her
phone, began punching her multiple times on her head and all over her body. Respondent also
threatened that he was going to "put a hit" on her for \$20,000 if she ever left him. The victim
further explained that Respondent grabbed a belt out of the closet and hit her multiple times on
her body with the belt. She stated at one point she believed she lost consciousness because her

1 chest hurt, and ribs and throat were sore after she woke up. She stated Respondent told her that
2 he had to do CPR on her. She believed Respondent had strangled her due to her throat feeling the
3 same way from a previous documented incident when he had strangled her. The victim further
4 explained that Respondent had intentionally kept her up all night by slapping her face and arguing
5 with her. They eventually fell asleep and when the victim woke up, she was in so much pain that
6 she was unable to get out of the bed. She stated that Respondent would not leave her alone and
7 watched her every move. She stated that Respondent had ordered food and when he went to the
8 front door to get the delivery, she used a deactivated cellphone to call 911. The victim
9 complained of pain throughout her body. After speaking with the victim, the officer determined
10 Respondent was the dominant aggressor and placed him under arrest.

11 10. On or about December 22, 2021, in the matter of *People of the State of California v.*
12 *Ricky Edwin Low*, San Francisco County Case No. 21012613, a felony complaint was filed
13 charging Respondent with Domestic Violence, Assault with Deadly Weapon: Not Firearm,
14 Assault with Force Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury, False Imprisonment, and Battery, with a
15 special allegation of Use of a Deadly Weapon (Belt). (Penal Code §§ 273.5(a), 245(a)(1),
16 245(a)(4), 236, 243(e)(1), 12022(b)(1).). On or about December 30, 2021, Respondent was
17 placed on pre-trial monitoring by the Sheriff's Department. On or about June 26, 2023,
18 Respondent failed to appear in Court and a bench warrant was issued. To the best of
19 Complainant's knowledge, the bench warrant remains active to date.

20 **(Arrest #2 - December 6, 2022)**

21 11. On or about December 6, 2022, an officer from the San Francisco Police Department
22 responded to a report of a domestic violence incident and met with the victim. The victim stated
23 that she and her boyfriend of two-weeks, Respondent, ended their relationship on December 5,
24 2022, after an incident that occurred that morning. She stated that Respondent threatened to post
25 her and her mother's personal information on social media and distribute fliers at the victim's
26 school if she did not admit to him that she had a sexually transmitted disease. She further
27 explained that Respondent threatened to send people to her home and told her that she would not
28 like what they would do to her. The victim further stated that she gave Respondent her phone

1 because he told her he wanted to make a donation to an unknown party from her checking
2 account. She later discovered that Respondent had transferred \$1,300 from her account to his
3 personal account. The victim explained that she gave Respondent her phone because she was
4 alone with him, and she was scared. She stated that Respondent was having rapid mood swings
5 and acting erratic as he would turn from laughing to being upset within a short period of time.
6 The victim further explained that while she was sitting on the bed in his hotel room, Respondent
7 placed his hand on the front of her neck for a few seconds without her consent and then stated to
8 her that he was just joking. She clarified that Respondent did not apply any pressure to her neck
9 but she was unsure whether he was joking or not. The officer performed a record check on
10 Respondent and discovered that Respondent was under supervision with the San Francisco
11 County Sheriff's Department. The officer contacted Respondent in his hotel room and placed him
12 under arrest for Grand Theft: Money/Labor/Property, Threaten Crime with Intent to Terrorize,
13 and Battery: Spouse/Ex-Spouse/Date/Etc. (Penal Code §§ 487(a), 422, 243(e)(1)).

14 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

16 12. Respondent has subjected his Pharmacy Technician's License to discipline under
17 Code section 4301, in that he engaged in unprofessional conduct. The circumstances are set forth
18 in paragraphs 9 through 11, above.

19 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

20 **(Unprofessional Conduct - Commission of Any Act Involving Moral Turpitude,
21 Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Corruption)**

22 13. Respondent has subjected his Pharmacy Technician's License to discipline under
23 Code section 4301, subdivision (f), in that he committed acts involving moral turpitude,
24 dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption. The circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 9 through
25 11, above.

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1 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Conduct That Would Have Warranted Denial of a License)**

3 14. Respondent has subjected his Pharmacy Technician License to discipline, because he
4 has engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Code section 4301, subdivision (p), for
5 engaging in conduct that would have warranted denial of a pharmacy technician license.
6 The circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 9 through 11, above.

7 **OTHER MATTERS**

8 15. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed in the Accusation against
9 Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 171096, issued to Ricky Edwin Low, then Ricky
10 Edwin Low shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer,
11 director, associate, or partner of a licensee until Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH
12 171096 is reinstated if it is revoked.

13 **DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS**

14 16. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,
15 Complainant alleges that on or about April 6, 2013, Respondent was arrested by the San
16 Francisco Police Department for False Imprisonment: Violence/Etc., and Penal Code section
17 Assault with Deadly Weapon with Force: Possible Great Bodily Injury Likely. (Penal Code §§
18 273, subd. (a), 245 subd. (a)(4).) On or about April 30, 2013, the Board closed the case with no
19 further action. The record of the criminal proceeding is incorporated as if fully set forth.

20 **PRAYER**

21 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged in this
22 Accusation, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- 23 1. Revoking Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 127327, issued to Ricky
24 Edwin Low;
- 25 2. Prohibiting Ricky Edwin Low from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,
26 member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee until Pharmacy Technician License
27 Number TCH 127327 is reinstated if Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 127327 issued
28 to Ricky Edwin Low is revoked;

1 3. Ordering Ricky Edwin Low to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the
2 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
3 125.3; and,

4 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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7 DATED: 3/21/2025

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