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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**YESENIA LIZSETTE CASTELLANOS**  
**1916 College Dr.**  
**Delano, CA 93215**

**Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH**  
**158760**

Case No. 7916

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

Respondent.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On October 21, 2024, Complainant Anne Sodergren, in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation Number 7916 against Yesenia Lizsette Castellanos (Respondent) before the Board of Pharmacy. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On March 23, 2017, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 158760 to Respondent. The Pharmacy Technician License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation Number 7916 and will expire on March 31, 2025, unless renewed.

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1           3.     On October 28, 2024, Respondent was served copies of the Accusation Number 7916,  
2 Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery and discovery statutes  
3 (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) by certified and first class mail at  
4 Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4100,  
5 is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of record was  
6 and is: 1916 College Dr., Delano, CA 93215.

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 her of the Accusation, and therefore  
17 waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation Number 7916.

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 Number 7916, are separately and severally,  
27 found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

28           9.     The Board finds that the actual costs for investigation and enforcement are  
\$2,097.75 as of January 22, 2025.

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1 **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

2 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Yesenia Lizsette Castellanos has  
3 subjected her Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 158760 to discipline.

4 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

5 3. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician  
6 License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the  
7 evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:

8 a. Business and Professions Code section 4301 – Unprofessional Conduct;

9 b. Business and Professions Code section 4301, subdivision (f) – Unprofessional  
10 Conduct (Dishonest Act); and

11 c. Business and Professions Code section 4301, subdivision (j) – Unprofessional  
12 Conduct (Violation of Statutes).

13 **ORDER**

14 IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 158760, issued to  
15 Respondent Yesenia Lizsette Castellanos, is revoked.

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

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1           Upon revocation per this Order, under Business and Professions Code section 4307,  
2 subdivision (a), Respondent shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,  
3 member, officer, director, associate, partner, or serving in any other position with management or  
4 control of a licensee. This prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.

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6           This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2025.

7           It is so ORDERED on March 4, 2025.

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BOARD OF PHARMACY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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By



Seung W. Oh, Pharm.D.  
Board President

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Attachment: Exhibit A – Accusation

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# Exhibit A

Accusation

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**ACCUSATION**

16 **Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH**  
17 **158760**

Respondent.

18 **PARTIES**

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

21 2. On March 23, 2017, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician License  
22 Number TCH 158760 to Yesenia Lizsette Castellanos (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician  
23 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this Accusation  
24 and will expire on March 31, 2025, unless renewed.

25 **JURISDICTION**

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



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

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4 9. Section 4307 states:

5 (a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been  
6 revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it  
7 was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member,  
8 officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control  
9 of any partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or association whose application for a  
10 license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on  
11 probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer,  
12 director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control had  
13 knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was  
14 denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving  
15 as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in  
16 any other position with management or control of a licensee as follows::

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

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

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23 10. Health and Safety Code section 11170 states: “No person shall prescribe, administer,  
24 or furnish a controlled substance for himself.”

25 11. Health and Safety Code section 11173 states:

26 (a) No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or  
27 attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by  
28 fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.

(b) No person shall make a false statement in any prescription, order, report, or  
record, required by this division.

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**COST RECOVERY**

12. Section 125.3 provides 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.

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1 **DEFINITIONS**

2 13. Section 4022 defines “dangerous drug” as any drug unsafe for self-use in humans or  
3 animals, and includes the following:

4 (a) Any drug that bears the legend: ‘Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without  
5 prescription,’ ‘Rx only,’ or words of similar import.

6 (b) Any device that bears the statement: ‘Caution: federal law restricts this  
7 device to sale by or on the order of a \_\_\_\_\_,’ ‘Rx only,’ or words of similar  
8 import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use  
9 or order use of the device.

10 (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed  
11 only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.

12 14. Alprazolam, known by the trade name Xanax, is a Schedule IV controlled substance  
13 under Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(1), and is a dangerous drug under  
14 section 4022. Alprazolam is commonly used for anxiety.

15 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

16 15. On June 14, 2024, the Board received a DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration)  
17 Form 106 - Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances (Form 106) from Harshad Patel, the  
18 pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) at Truxtun Pharmacy Delano, reporting Respondent’s theft of  
19 alprazolam 2 mg (milligram) tablets. PIC Patel reported that Respondent ordered alprazolam and  
20 hid the invoices from pharmacy staff. The Board subsequently received evidence, including  
21 witness statements, messages and screenshots, indicating that Respondent stole and sold the  
22 alprazolam. On July 9, 2024, the Board received an updated Form 106 reporting the loss of 7,271  
23 alprazolam 2 mg tablets.

24 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

25 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

26 16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301 for unprofessional  
27 conduct. Respondent stole approximately 7,271 alprazolam 2 mg tablets while working as a  
28 pharmacy technician at Truxtun Pharmacy Delano. Complainant refers to, and by this reference  
incorporates, the allegations set forth in paragraph 15, as though fully set forth here.

1 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Unprofessional Conduct – Dishonest Act)**

3 17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (f), for  
4 violating section 4060. Respondent stole approximately 7,271 alprazolam 2 mg tablets while  
5 working as a pharmacy technician at Truxtun Pharmacy Delano. Complainant refers to, and by  
6 this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth in paragraph 15, as though fully set forth here.

7 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

8 **(Unprofessional Conduct – Violation of Statutes)**

9 18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j), for  
10 violating section 4060, and Health and Safety Code sections 11170 and 11173. Respondent stole  
11 approximately 7,271 alprazolam 2 mg tablets while working as a pharmacy technician at Truxtun  
12 Pharmacy Delano. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set  
13 forth in paragraph 15, as though fully set forth here.

14 **OTHER MATTERS**

15 19. Pursuant to section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Technician License  
16 Number TCH 158760, Respondent shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator,  
17 owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with management or  
18 control of a licensee as follows: (1) for a period not to exceed five years if Pharmacy Technician  
19 License Number TCH 158760 is placed on probation; or (2) if revoked, until Pharmacy  
20 Technician License Number TCH 158760 is reinstated.

21 **PRAYER**

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

- 24 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 158760, issued  
25 to Yesenia Lizsette Castellanos;
- 26 2. Ordering Yesenia Lizsette Castellanos to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable  
27 costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions  
28 Code section 125.3, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;

1           3.     If discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 158760,  
2 prohibiting Yesenia Lizsette Castellanos from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,  
3 member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with management or control  
4 of a licensee for a period not to exceed five years if Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH  
5 158760 is placed on probation, or if revoked, until Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH  
6 158760 is reinstated; and,

7           4.     Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

10        DATED: 10/21/2024

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