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2 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

3 In the Matter of:

4 WILLIAM CORONA )  
5 Holder of Pharmacy Technician )  
6 Trainee License Number 4794 )  
7 in the State of Arizona )

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS  
OF LAW, AND BOARD ORDER  
NO. 2004-29-PHR**

8 **DIRECTED TO:** WILLIAM CORONA  
9 12761 W. Dahlia Drive  
El Mirage, AZ 85335

10 Pursuant to Notice of Hearing Number 2004-29-PHR ("Notice") this matter came before the  
11 Arizona State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") on March 16, 2005.

12 Linda McCoy, president, presided with members Chuck Dutcher, Dennis McAllister, Bryan  
13 Tippett, and Tom Van Hassel in attendance.

14 The State was represented by the Office of the Attorney General, Roberto Pulver, Assistant  
15 Attorney General, Licensing and Enforcement Section; while Christine Cassetta, Assistant Attorney  
16 General, Solicitor General and Opinions Section represented the Board.

17 WILLIAM CORONA ( Respondent ) was present and was represented by attorney Michael  
18 S.Yucevicius.

19 The Board, after consideration of the evidence and testimony presented, hereby makes the  
20 following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

21 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

22 **I**

22 Based on the evidence and testimony presented in this matter, the Board finds that:

23 1. WILLIAM CORONA is the holder of Pharmacy Technician Trainee License Number  
24 4794, which permits him to work as a pharmacy technician trainee in Arizona.

25 2. From October 13, 2003 to September 24, 2004, Respondent worked as a pharmacy  
26 technician trainee at Arrowhead Community Hospital ("Hospital") pharmacy located at 18701 N. 97<sup>th</sup>

1 Avenue, Glendale, Arizona.

2 3. On September 20, 2004, the pharmacy buyer at the Hospital's pharmacy  
3 received a report from the pharmacy supplier, McKesson Drug Company, that listed the pharmacy  
4 purchases for the previous two (2) months.

5 4. The buyer noticed that the pharmacy had purchased five (5) bottles of 100 tablets each  
6 of butalbital, acetaminophen, and caffeine tablets (generic Fioricet), an unusually high amount based on  
7 historical usage of the product.

8 5. On September 22, 2004, the pharmacy interim director ran a computer usage report of  
9 generic Fioricet tablets and the report disclosed that the pharmacy had only dispensed forty-six (46)  
10 tablets during the two (2) month period. The Hospital's Human Resources Department was contacted  
11 and drug screens of the four (4) employees who had access to generic Fioricet during the time frame were  
12 obtained.

13 6. Respondent was the only employee who tested positive for butalbital, an active  
14 ingredient in generic Fioricet.

15 7. On September 23, 2004, the Hospital's Medical Review Officer ("MRO") called  
16 Respondent and was informed by him that he had a valid prescription for Fioricet.

17 8. On September 24, 2004, Respondent told S.C., a Hospital employee, that he had no  
18 intention of providing proof to the MRO of a valid prescription for Fioricet. Respondent failed to provide  
19 a valid prescription for Fioricet to the MRO. Respondent's employment was terminated that day.

20 9. On October 5, 2004, a Board Compliance Officer audited the Hospital's pharmacy for  
21 generic Fioricet for the period from October 1, 2003 to October 5, 2004. Because Fioricet is not a  
22 controlled substance and a beginning inventory count was not required to be on file in the pharmacy, a  
23 count of "zero" was utilized for the starting count, which provides the pharmacy an advantage, that it is  
24 not required to account for the inventory that existed on October 1, 2003.

25 10. The Board's audit disclosed that 2,051 generic Fioricet were unaccounted for by the  
26 Hospital's pharmacy.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW  
II

11. The conduct and circumstances described in the Factual Allegations above constitute grounds for disciplinary action under A.R.S. § 32-1927.01 (A)(3) and (9) to wit:

**A.R.S. § 32-1927.01 (A)** The board may revoke or suspend the license of a pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician trainee or place the licensee on probation if the board determines that the licensee:

3. Is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs while at work.

9. Is found to be guilty of violating any state or federal law relating to the manufacture and distribution of prescription-only drugs, controlled substance drugs or medical devices.

ORDER  
III

12. Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is ordered that the pharmacy technician trainee license number 4794 issued to WILLIAM CORONA is hereby **REVOKED** and Respondent shall surrender said license to the Board.

13. Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to petition for a rehearing or review. The petition for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board within thirty (30) days after service of this Order and must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a rehearing or review. A.R.S. §§ 41-1092.09, A.A.C. R4-23-128. Service of this order is effective five (5) days after date of mailing. If a motion for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes effective thirty-five (35) days after it is mailed to Respondent.

3. Respondent is further notified that the filing of a motion for rehearing or review is required to preserve any rights of appeal to the Superior Court.

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DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By Hal Wand  
Hal Wand  
Executive Director

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and

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