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STATE OF CALIFORNIA BEFORE THE

in the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. A1 2010 0805

PAUL BARRESI DBA HOLLYWOOD CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIONS 11660 Church Street, #434 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 Private Investigator License No. PI 26529

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Director of Consumer Affairs and the Burcau of Security and Investigative Services as the Decision and Order in the above entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on

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Respondent

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the aboveentitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

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PARTIES

- Connie Bouvia (Complainant) is the Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Shawn P. Cook, Deputy Attorney General.
- Respondent Paul Barresi dbe Hollywood Confidential Investigations (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Graham Berry, Esq., Graham Berry, Esq., whose address is 3384 McLaughlin Ave., Los Angeles, CA 900663.
- On or about September 2, 2009, the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services issued Private Investigator License No. Pl 26529 to Paul Barresi dba Hollywood Confidential

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Investigations (Respondent). The Private Investigator License was in full force and effect at all investigations (Respondent). The Private Investigator License was in full force and effect at all investigations (Respondent). At 2010 0805 and expired on September times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. At 2010 0805 and expired on September 30, 2013, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. Al 2010 0805 was filed before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director), for the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (Bureau), and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on November 16, 2011. A copy of Accusation No. Al 2010 0805 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
 charges and allegations in Accusation No. Al 2010 0805. Respondent has also carefully read,
 fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
 Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his 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 his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his 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.
- Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

 Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. A1 2010 0805.

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Respondent agrees that his Private Investigator License is subject to discipline and he 9.

respondent agreed and the author of the paline as not forth in the Discinlinary. Order agrees to be bound by the Director's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of Consumer Affairs or his designee. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement 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 Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 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 Settlement and Disciplinary 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 Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Private Investigator License No. Pl 26529 issued to Respondent Paul Barresi dba Hollywood Confidential Investigations (Respondent) is revoked.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Graham Berry. I understand the stipulation and the offect it will have on my Private Investigator License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of Consumer Affairs.

PAUL BARRESI DBA HOLLYWOOD CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIONS Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Paul Barresi don Hollywood Confidential Investigations the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated

Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content

Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully

submitted for consideration by the Director of Consumer Affairs.

Ocember 1, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney Ceneral of California

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STPULATED SETTLEMENT (AT 2010 0805)

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and conditions. A true and correct copy of the terms and conditions of probation imposed on

Respondent's license are attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Private Investigator License was in

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full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on September 30, 2012, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - Section 22 of the Code states:
- "(a) 'Board' as used in any provisions of this Code, refers to the board in which the administration of the provision is vested, and unless otherwise expressly provided, shall include 'bureau,' 'commission,' 'committee,' 'department,' 'division,' 'examining committee,' 'program,' and 'agency.'
- "(b) Whenever the regulatory program of a board that is subject to review by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection, as provided for in Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473), is taken over by the department, that program shall be designated as a 'bureau.'"
- Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension/ expiration/ surrender/ cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- Section 150 of the Code states: "The department is under the control of a civil executive officer who is known as the Director of Consumer Affairs."
 - 7. Section 475 of the Code states:
- "(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, the provisions of this division shall govern the denial of licenses on the grounds of:
 - "(1) Knowingly making a false statement of material fact, or knowingly omitting to state a material fact, in an application for a license.
 - "(2) Conviction of a crime.

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- "(3) Commission of any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the
- "(3) Commission of any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another, or substantially injure another.
- "(4) Commission of any act which, if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, the provisions of this division shall govern the suspension and revocation of licenses on grounds specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a).
- "(c) A license shall not be denied, suspended, or revoked on the grounds of a lack of good moral character or any similar ground relating to an applicant's character, reputation, personality, or habits."
 - Section 477 of the Code states:

As used in this division:

- "(a) 'Board' includes 'bureau,' 'commission,' 'committee,' 'department,' 'division,' 'examining committee,' 'program,' and 'agency.'
- "(b) 'License' includes certificate, registration or other means to engage in a business or profession regulated by this code."
- 9. Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may deny a license if the applicant has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the business or profession for which application is made, has committed any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit, has committed any act which if done by a licentiate would be grounds for suspension or revocation of a license, or has knowingly made a false statement of fact required to be revealed in the application.
- 10. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued..
 - 11. Section 493 of the Code states:

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"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question.

"As used in this section, 'license' includes 'certificate,' 'permit,' 'authority,' and 'registration."

- Section 7512.1 of the Code states that as used in this chapter, "director" means the
 Director of Consumer Affairs.
- 13. Section 7520 of the Code states that no person shall engage in a business regulated by this chapter, act or assume to act as, or represent himself or herself to be, a licensee unless he or she is licensed under this chapter, and no person shall falsely represent that he or she is employed by a licensee.
- 14. Section 7531 of the Code provides that a licensee shall at all times be legally responsible for the good conduct in the business of each of his or her employees or agents, including his or her manager.
 - 15. Section 7538 of the Code states in pertinent part:

"After a hearing the director may deny a license unless the applicant makes a showing satisfactory to the director that the applicant, if an individual, has not, or if the applicant is a person other than an individual, that its manager and each of its officers have not:

- "(a) Committed any act, which, if committed by a licensee, would be a ground for the suspension or revocation of a license under this chapter.
 - "(b) Committed any act constituting dishonesty or fraud.

- "(c) Committed any act or crime constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section "(c) Committed any act or crime constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480, including illegally using, carrying, or possessing a deadly weapon.
- 16. Section 7539, subd. (b) of the Code states: "No licensee or officer, director, partner, manager, or employee of a licensee shall knowingly make any false report to his or her employer or client for whom information was being obtained."
- 17. Section 7561.1 of the Code provides in pertinent part: "The director may deny, suspend, or revoke a license issued under this chapter if he or she determines that the licensee or his or her manager, if an individual, or if the licensee is a person other than an individual, that any of its officers, directors, partners, or its manager, has:
- (I) Committed any act which is a ground for denial of an application for a license under this chapter."
- 18. Section 7561.4 of the Code provides in pertinent part that the director may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter if he or she determines that the licensee or his or her manager, if an individual, or if the licensee is a person other than an individual, that any of its officers, directors, partners, or its manager, has committed any act in the course of the licensee's business constituting dishonesty or fraud.

"Dishonesty or fraud" as used in this section, includes, in addition to other acts not specifically enumerated herein:

- "(a) Knowingly making a false statement relating to evidence or information obtained in the course of employment, or knowingly publishing a slander or a libel in the course of business.
 - "(c) Manufacture of evidence.
- 19. Section 7562 of the Code provides that the record of conviction, or a certified copy thereof, shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction as that term is used in this article, or sections 7538 or 480. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed a conviction within the meaning of this article, or sections 7538 or 480.
- Section 125.3, subdivision (a), states, in pertinent part: "Except as otherwise
 provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board

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within the department . . . the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate within the department . . . 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."

ACCUSATION

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty or Fraud-False Statement)

- 21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 7561.4, subd. (a), in that Respondent has knowingly made a false statement relating to evidence or information obtained in the course of employment, or knowingly published a slander or a libel in the course of business.
 The circumstances are as follows:
- 22. In or about April and May, 2010, Respondent, identifying himself as a private investigator, contacted the human resources department at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVH) and informed them that he was conducting an investigation against ""), who worked at PVH as a registered nurse in the Neo-natal ICU. Thereafter, PVH officials conducted a pharmaceutical inventory check for drugs and controlled substances accessible to and and found no discrepancies and that Respondent's allegations were without merit.
- 23. On or about May 11, 2010, Respondent wrote a letter addressed to Pomona Valley
 Hospital Medical Center (PVH) and the Hesperia, CA police department, with a letterhead stating
 "PAUL BARRESI STATE OF CALIFORNIA PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, License No.
 P126529." In the letter, Respondent made false statements concerning

 , a registered nurse employed at PVH and with whom Respondent had a previous
 relationship. Respondent published the following false statements about
- a. met Respondent's process server at her door on May 11, 2010 holding a glass pipe (controlled substance apparatus) in her hand.
- b. welled and screamed uncontrollably at the process server and appeared disoriented.

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24	By letter dated June 25, 2010, Respondent wrote to the human resources department. By letter dated June 25, 2010, Respondent wrote to the human resources department.
24	By letter dated June 25, 2010, Respondent wide to and May, 2010 against
at PVH	and admitted that the allegations he had made in April and May, 2010 against
"allegin	g drug abuse is absolutely false and without fact or basis." Respondent further admitted
that he	"lodged said claims out of retaliation because had terminated our relationship" and
stated th	was "an extremely competent, highly respected, conscientious nurse, at the top
of her f	ield, and not once did she ever demonstrate the slightest indication to the contrary."

- On or about May 26, 2010, Respondent wrote a letter referenced "DRUG ABUSE , CA Registered Nurse" addressed to the California Board sing, attention "NURSE COMPLAINT EXAMINERS", with a letterhead stating "PAUL ESI CALIFORNIA STATE PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, LIC. NUM. P126529." In the Respondent published the following false statements concerning Alvarez under penalty of
- filed a petition for TRO against Respondent after Respondent told her that inded to report her for "drug abuse (Smoking methamphetamine and use of non-prescribed iption drugs.)"
- Respondent personally witnessed take his "own personal doctor prescribed ation."
- Respondent witnessed take on "characteristics and symptoms associated with implietamine abuse, including unexplained rise in her body temperature (low grade fevers), ting, eye twitching, high blood pressure, liver pain, mood swings, weight gain, extreme nt loss, insomnia, irritability and dilated pupils."
- Respondent stated that after he had been "dating" for two months, d. him to "run a criminal check on" and male housemate, "confiding that [the emate] was not forthcoming with [on the extent of his drug abuse".
- Respondent stated that drug abuse is low intensity and she prefers to smoke potential harm and possible death she may cause in her profession should not go vestigated."

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FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts that Would be Grounds for Denial)

30. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 7561, subd. (1) in conjunction with sections 7538, subdivisions (a) through (c), and 480. The circumstances are as alleged in the preceding paragraphs 22 through 26 and all supparts, which are incorporated here by this reference.

PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION FIRST CAUSE FOR REVOCATION

(Obey All Laws)

- 31. Respondent's probation with the Bureau contained as Condition Six, the requirement that Respondent "[s]hall obey all federal, state and local laws and all rule and regulations governing the programs regulated by the Bureau."
- 32. Respondent has violated the term and condition of his probation that he obey all laws.
 The circumstances are as alleged in the preceding paragraphs 22 through 26 and all subparts,
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PRAYER

WHEREFORE. Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director of Consumer Affairs (saue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Private Investigator License Number Pl 26529, issued to Paul Barresi dba Hollywood Confidential investigations;
- Ordering Paul Barresi to pay the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
- Lifting the stay of revocation imposed under Paul Barresi's existing probation with the Bureau and revoking Private Investigator License Number Pl 26529, issued to Paul Barresi dba Hollywood Confidential Investigations, and
 - Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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