BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 1A-2009-26

JUNE KI CHANG 4000 W. Riverside Drive #B Burbank, CA 91505

Acupuncture License No. AC 8501

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the

California Acupuncture Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on

MAY 3 0 2010

It is so ORDERED

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Robert Brewer, Chair Acupuncture Board Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

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8	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 1A-2009-26	
11	JUNE KI CHANG	OAH No. 2010020547	
12	4000 W. Riverside Drive, #B Burbank, California 91505	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
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15	Acupuncture License No. AC 8501,		
16	Respondent.		
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND A	GREED by and between the parties to the above-	
19	entitled proceedings that the following matters a	re true:	
20	PAR	TIES	
21	1. Janelle Wedge (Complainant) is the	Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board.	
22	She brought this action solely in her official capa	acity and is represented in this matter by Edmund	
23	G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of C	alifornia, by Trina L. Saunders, Deputy Attorney	
24	General.		
25	2. Respondent June Ki Chang (Respondent June	dent) is representing herself in this proceeding	
26	and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.		
27	3. On or about June 24, 2002, the Acupuncture Board issued Acupuncture License		
28	number AC 8501 to June Ki Chang. That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant		
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to the charges brought in Accusation number 1A-2009-26 and will expire on August 31, 2011,
 unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4 4. Accusation No. 1A-2009-26 was filed before the Acupuncture Board, and is currently
5 pending. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on
6 Respondent on December 22, 2009. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting
7 the Accusation. A copy of Accusation number 1A-2009-26 is attached as Exhibit A and is
8 incorporated herein by reference.

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ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in
 Accusation No. 1A-2009-26. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of
 this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

6. Respondent is fully aware of her 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

15 || her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to

16 present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to

17 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration

18 and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California

19 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

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7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
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every right set forth above.

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8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
No. 1A-2009-26.

9. Respondent agrees that her Acupuncture License is subject to discipline and she
agrees to be bound by the Acupuncture Board (Board)'s imposition of discipline as set forth in
the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

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2	10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Acupuncture Board. Respondent
3 ·	understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Acupuncture Board may
4	communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to
5	or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees
6	that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the
7	Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and
8	Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for
9	this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall
10	not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
11	11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement
12	and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and
13	effect as the originals.
14	12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
15	the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
16	Disciplinary Order:
17	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
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19	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Acupuncture License No. AC 8501 issued to Respondent
20	June Ki Chang (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is
21	placed on probation for one (1) year on the following terms and conditions.
22	1. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u> Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws and all
23	regulations governing the practice of acupuncture in California. A full and detailed account of
24	any and all violations of law shall be reported by the respondent to the Board in writing within
25	seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence.
26	2. <u>QUARTERLY REPORTS</u> Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under
27	penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance
28	with all the conditions of probation.
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1	3. <u>SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM</u> Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation	
2	surveillance program and shall, upon reasonable notice, report to the assigned investigative	
3	district office. Respondent shall contact the assigned probation surveillance monitor regarding	
4	any questions specific to the probation order. Respondent shall not have any unsolicited or	
5	unapproved contact with 1) victims or complainants associated with the case; 2) Board members	
6	or members of its staff; or 3) persons serving the Board as expert examiners.	
7	4. <u>INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE</u> Respondent shall appear in	
8	person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request at various intervals and with	
9	reasonable notice.	
10	5. <u>CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT</u> Respondent shall notify the Board in writing,	
11	through the assigned probation surveillance compliance officer of any and all changes of	
12	employment, location and address within 30 days of such change.	
13	6. <u>TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE OR RESIDENCE</u> In the event	
14	respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State, respondent must	
15 ·	notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice	
16	outside California will not apply to the reduction of this probationary period.	
17	7. EMPLOYMENT AND SUPERVISION OF TRAINEES Respondent shall not	
18	employ or supervise or apply to employ or supervise acupuncture trainees during the course of	
19	this probation. Respondent shall terminate any such supervisorial relationship in existence on the	
20	effective date of this probation.	
21	8. <u>COST RECOVERY</u> Respondent shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation and	
22	enforcement in the amount of \$2,241.00. This amount shall be paid in full directly to the Board	
23	in four equal payments, within eight (8) months from the effective date of the decision. Cost	
24	recovery will not be tolled.	
25	Respondent understands that failure to timely pay costs is a violation of probation, and	
26	submission of evidence demonstrating financial hardship does not preclude the Board from	
27	pursuing further disciplinary action. However, Respondent understands that providing	
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (1A-2009-26)

1	evidence and supporting documentation of financial hardship may delay further disciplinary
2	action.
3	Consideration to financial hardship will not be given should Respondent violate this term
4	and condition, unless an unexpected AND unavoidable hardship is established from the date of
5	this order the day payment(s) is due.
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7	9. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> If respondent violates probation in any respect, the
8	Board may, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, revoke probation and
9	carry out the disciplinary order that was stated. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is
10	filed against respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the
11	matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final. No petition
12	for modification or termination of probation shall be considered while there is an accusation or
13	petition to revoke probation pending against respondent.
 14	10. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u> Upon successful completion of probation,
15	respondent's license will be fully restored.
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17	ACCEPTANCE
18	I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the
19	stipulation and the effect it will have on my Acupuncture License. I enter into this Stipulated
20	Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be
21	bound by the Decision and Order of the Acupuncture Board.
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23	DATED: 3/22/200 JUNE KI CHANG
24	Respondent
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1	ENDORSEMENT	
·2	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully	
2	submitted for consideration by the Acupuncture Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs.	
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5	Dated: March 30, 2010 Respectfully Submitted,	
6	l EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Attorney General of California	
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 1A-2009-26

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12	4000 W. Riverside Dr., #B,			
13	Burbank, CA 91505 Acupuncturist Certificate No. AC 8501 A C C U S A T I O N			
14	Respondent.			
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17	Complainant alleges:			
18	PARTIES			
19	1. Janelle Wedge (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as			
· 20	the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.			
21	2. On or about June 24, 2002, the Acupuncture Board issued Acupuncturist Certificate			
22	Number AC 8501 to June Ki Chang (Respondent). The Acupuncturist Certificate was in full			
23	force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August 31,			
24	2011, unless renewed.			
25	JURISDICTION			
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Acupuncture Board (Board), Department of			
27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the			
28	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.			

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. Section 4955 of the Code states:

"The board may deny, suspend, or revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon, the license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

"(a) Using or possessing any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous to himself or herself, or to any other person, or to the public, and to an extent that the use impairs his or her ability to engage in the practice of acupuncture with safety to the public.

"(b) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist, the record of conviction being conclusive evidence thereof.

"(c) False or misleading advertising.

"(d) Aiding or abetting in, or violating or conspiring in, directly or indirectly, the violation of the terms of this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter.

"(e) Except for good cause, the knowing failure to protect patients by failing to follow infection control guidelines of the board, thereby risking transmission of blood-borne infectious diseases from licensee to patient, from patient to patient, and from patient to licensee. In administering this subdivision, the board shall consider referencing the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the State Department of Health Services developed pursuant to Section 1250.11 of the Health and Safety Code and the standards, regulations, and guidelines pursuant to the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 (Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code) for preventing the transmission of HIV, hepatitis B, and other blood-borne pathogens in health care settings. As necessary, the board shall consult with the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the

Dental Board of California, the Board of Registered Nursing, and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, to encourage appropriate consistency in the implementation of this subdivision.

"The board shall seek to ensure that licensees are informed of the responsibility of licensees and others to follow infection control guidelines, and of the most recent scientifically recognized safeguards for minimizing the risk of transmission of blood-borne infectious diseases.

"(f) The use of threats or harassment against any patient or licensee for providing evidence in a disciplinary action, other legal action, or in an investigation contemplating a disciplinary action or other legal action.

"(g) Discharging an employee primarily for attempting to comply with the terms of this chapter.

"(h) Disciplinary action taken by any public agency for any act substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist or any professional health care licensee.

"(i) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of the acupuncture license.

"(j) The violation of any law or local ordinance on an acupuncturist's business premises by an acupuncturist's employee or a person who is working under the acupuncturist's professional license or business permit, that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist. These violations shall subject the acupuncturist who employed the individuals, or under whose acupuncturist license the employee is working, to disciplinary action.

"(k) The abandonment of a patient by the licentiate without written notice to the patient that treatment is to be discontinued and before the patient has had a reasonable opportunity to secure the services of another practitioner.

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"(1) the failure to notify the board of the use of any false, assumed, or fictitious name other than the name under which he or she is licensed as an individual to practice acupuncture."

5. Section 4955,1 of the Code states:

"The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon the license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of committing a fraudulent act including, but not be limited to, any of the following:

"(a) Securing a license by fraud or deceit.

"(b) Committing a fraudulent or dishonest act as an acupuncturist.

"(c) Committing any act involving dishonesty or corruption with respect to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist.

"(d) Altering or modifying the medical record of any person, with fraudulent intent, or creating any false medical record.

"(e) Failing to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients."

6. Section 4956 of the Code states:

"A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this chapter.

"The board may order a license suspended or revoked, or may deny a license, or may impose probationary conditions upon a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her pleas of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint, information, or indictment."

. Section 4959 of the Code states:

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"(a) The board may request the administrative law judge, under his or her proposed decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the board, to direct any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay to the board a sum not to exceed actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the

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"(b) The costs to be assessed shall be fixed by the administrative law judge and shall not in any event be increased by the board. When the board does not adopt a proposed decision and remands the case to an administrative law judge, the administrative law judge shall not increase the amount of any costs assessed in the proposed decision.

"(c) When the payment directed in the board's order for payment of costs is not made by the licensee, the board may enforce the order for payment in the superior court in the county where the administrative hearing was held. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licensee directed to pay costs.

"(d) In any judicial action for the recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

"(e) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the Acupuncture Fund."

8. Business and Professions Code section 125.3. states that:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the Osteopathic Medical Board upon request of the entity bringing the proceedings, the administrative law judge may 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,

"(b) In the case of a disciplined licentiate that is a corporation or a partnership, the order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership.

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"(c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where actual costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its designated representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.

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"(d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to costs shall not be reviewable by the board to increase the cost award. The board may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to subdivision (a).

"(e) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as directed in the board's decision, the board may enforce the order for repayment in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licentiate to pay costs.

"(f) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

"(g)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any licentiate who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion, conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any licentiate who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the board to reimburse the board within that one-year period for the unpaid costs.

"(h) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the fund of the board recovering the costs to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

"(i) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from including the recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.

"(j) This section does not apply to any board if a specific statutory provision in that board's licensing act provides for recovery of costs in an administrative disciplinary proceeding.

"(k) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Medical Board of California shall not request nor obtain from a physician and surgeon, investigation and prosecution costs for a disciplinary proceeding against the licentiate. The board shall ensure that this subdivision is revenue neutral with regard to it and that any loss of revenue or increase in costs resulting from this subdivision is offset by an increase in the amount of the initial license fee and the biennial renewal fee, as provided in subdivision (e) of Section 2435."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to Acupuncture)

9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4955, subdivision (b), and 4956 of the Code in that she committed unprofessional conduct in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist. The facts and circumstances are as follows:

10. On or about February 9, 2009, Respondent was convicted of a misdemeanor for violating Penal Code Section 487(A), grand theft, following a plea of nolo contendere.

11. The conviction was based on Respondent's arrest of November 23, 2008. On that date, Los Angeles Police Department officers received a radio call indicating that Respondent was being held at the Neiman Marcus on Topanga Canyon Boulevard. When officers arrived at the location, Respondent was being held by loss prevention investigators of the retail store. Before being detained by loss prevention investigators Respondent was observed picking up a

pink "Balenciaga" purse from a store sales table and exiting the store without paying for the item. Respondent's actions were also reviewed on the store's security camera.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

12. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about March 13, 1997, in a prior criminal proceeding entitled *People v. Jane Lee* (Responent's alias) in Los Angeles County in the City of Beverly Hills Superior Court, Case Number 7BH0033501. Respondent was convicted for violating Penal Code section 487(A) grand theft., a misdemeanor and was ordered to serve 24 months probation, one day in jail, pay a fine or complete 24 hours of community service in lieu thereof, and pay restitution. The record of the criminal proceeding is incorporated as if fully set forth.

PRAYER

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

Revoking or suspending Acupuncturist Certificate Number AC 8501, issued to June
 Ki Chang, L. Ac.

2. Ordering June Ki Chang, L. Ac., to pay the Acupuncture Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4959:

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

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VANELLE WEDGE Executive Officer Acupuncture Board Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL

In the Matter of the Accusation filed Against:

JUNE KI CHANG

Case No. 1A-2009-26

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.

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I, the undersigned, declare that I am over 18 years of age and not a party to the within cause; my business address is 444 N. 3rd Street, Suite 260, Sacramento, CA 95811-0228. I served a true copy of the attached:

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER

by certified/regular mail on each of the following, by placing same in an envelope(s) addressed (respectively) as follows:

NAME and ADDRESS

June Ki Chang L.Ac. 4000 W. Riverside Dr., #B Burbank, CA 91505

Trina L. Saunders, Deputy Attorney General California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General/HQE 300 S. Spring St., Ste. 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013

Robert McKim Bell, Supervising Deputy Attorney General California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General/HQE 300 S. Spring St., Ste. 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013

Each said envelope was, on April 30, 2010, sealed and deposited in the U.S. mail at Sacramento, California, the county in which I am employed, with the postage thereon fully prepaid for an attempt at service.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 30, 2010 at Sacramento, California.

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