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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D. Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 122914 Respondent.	Case No. 800-2022-085401

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED March 11, 2024.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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BEFORE THE
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In the Matter of the Accusation Against: **GURINDER P. CHATHA, M.D.** **11321 Stancombe Lane** **Bakersfield, CA 93312-7003** **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 122914,** Respondent.	Case No. 800-2022-085401 OAH No. 2023070280 **STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

PARTIES

1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Catherine B. Kim, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Respondent Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Kevin D. Cauley, Esq., whose address is: 225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 300 Pasadena, CA 91101-3009.

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3. On or about September 19, 2012, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 122914 to Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2022-085401, and will expire on January 31, 2024, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2022-085401 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on June 15, 2023. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2022-085401 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2022-085401. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with his counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

7. 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 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.

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

CULPABILITY

9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 800-2022-085401.

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10. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board 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 Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its 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 Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

1. PUBLIC REPRIMAND.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 122914 issued to Respondent GURINDER P. CHATHA, M.D. shall be and is hereby Publicly Reprimanded pursuant to California Business and Professions code section 2227, subdivision (a)(4). This Public Reprimand is issued in connection with Respondent's conduct on January 22, 2022, when Respondent operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and was convicted on April 4, 2022 for violating California Vehicle Code section 23152, subsection (a), a

misdemeanor, as set forth in Accusation No. 800-2022-085401 (Exhibit A).

2. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY.

Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, including, but not limited to, expert review, amended accusations, legal reviews, investigation(s), and subpoena enforcement, as applicable, in the amount of $22,405.75 (Twenty-two thousand four hundred five dollars and seventy-five cents). Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a violation of the Order.

Payment must be made in full within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all requests for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by Respondent to the Board. Failure to comply with the payment plan shall be considered a violation of the Order.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of the responsibility to repay investigation and enforcement costs, including expert review costs (if applicable).

3. VIOLATION OF THE ORDER.

Any failure by Respondent to comply with the terms and conditions of the Disciplinary Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct and is grounds for further disciplinary action.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Kevin D. Cauley, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. 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 Medical Board of California.

DATED: 01/04/2024

GURINDER P. CHATHA, M.D.
Respondent

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I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: January 4, 2024

KEVIN D. CAULEY, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

DATED: January 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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PARTIES

1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).

2. On or about September 19, 2012, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 122914 to Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2024, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

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

4. Section 2004 of the Code states:

The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

(a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

(b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.

(c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or an administrative law judge.

(d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion of disciplinary actions.

(e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.

(f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.

(g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the programs in subdivision (f).

(h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.

(i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program.

5. Section 2220 of the Code states:

Except as otherwise provided by law, the board may take action against all persons guilty of violating this chapter. The board shall enforce and administer this article as to physician and surgeon certificate holders, including those who hold certificates that do not permit them to practice medicine, such as, but not limited to, retired, inactive, or disabled status certificate holders, and the board shall have all the powers granted in this chapter for these purposes including, but not limited to:

(a) Investigating complaints from the public, from other licensees, from health care facilities, or from the board that a physician and surgeon may be guilty of unprofessional conduct. The board shall investigate the circumstances underlying a report received pursuant to Section 805 or 805.01 within 30 days to determine if an interim suspension order or temporary restraining order should be issued. The board shall otherwise provide timely disposition of the reports received pursuant to Section 805 and Section 805.01.

(b) Investigating the circumstances of practice of any physician and surgeon where there have been any judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards requiring the

physician and surgeon or his or her professional liability insurer to pay an amount in damages in excess of a cumulative total of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) with respect to any claim that injury or damage was proximately caused by the physician's and surgeon's error, negligence, or omission.

(c) Investigating the nature and causes of injuries from cases which shall be reported of a high number of judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards against a physician and surgeon.

6. Section 2227 of the Code states:

(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:

(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.

(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.

(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.

(4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.

(5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.

(b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

7. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

(b) Gross negligence.

(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.

(1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.

(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

(d) Incompetence.

(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

(f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.

(g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.

8. Section 2236 of the Code states:

(a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act]. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.

(b) The district attorney, city attorney, or other prosecuting agency shall notify the Medical Board of the pendency of an action against a licensee charging a felony or misdemeanor immediately upon obtaining information that the defendant is a licensee. The notice shall identify the licensee and describe the crimes charged and the facts alleged. The prosecuting agency shall also notify the clerk of the court in which the action is pending that the defendant is a licensee, and the clerk shall record prominently in the file that the defendant holds a license as a physician and surgeon.

(c) The clerk of the court in which a licensee is convicted of a crime shall, within 48 hours after the conviction, transmit a certified copy of the record of conviction to the board. The division may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of a crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

(d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section and Section 2236.1. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred.

9. Section 2239 of the Code states:

(a) The use or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, of any controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous

or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely or more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct.

(b) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The Medical Board may order discipline of the licensee in accordance with Section 2227 or the Medical Board may order the denial of the 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 imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea 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.

10. Section 490 of the Code states:

(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.

(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken 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.

(d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the application of this section has been made unclear by the holding in *Petropoulos* v. *Department of Real Estate* (2006) 142 Cal.App.4th 554, and that the holding in that case has placed a significant number of statutes and regulations in question, resulting in potential harm to the consumers of California from licensees who have been convicted of crimes. Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that this section establishes an independent basis for a board to impose discipline upon a licensee, and that the amendments to this section made by Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 2008 do not constitute a change to, but rather are declaratory of, existing law.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, states:

For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license, certificate or

permit pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license, certificate or permit under the Medical Practice Act if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license, certificate or permit to perform the functions authorized by the license, certificate or permit in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare. Such crimes or acts shall include but not be limited to the following: Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of the Medical Practice Act.

COST RECOVERY

12. Section 125.3 of the Code states:

(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 proceeding, the administrative law judge may direct a licensee 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 licensee that is a corporation or a partnership, the order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership.

(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.

(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 licensee 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 licensee 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 licensee 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.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

13. On or about January 22, 2022, at approximately 8:38 p.m., a California Highway Patrol (hereinafter "CHP") officer observed a 2021 Dodge RAM Pickup ("vehicle") in the parking lot of the Buttonwillow rest area off of southbound I-5 freeway in an unincorporated area of Kern County. The CHP officer observed the vehicle drive forward from a parking space and travel onto the sidewalk, with both right-side tires on the sidewalk, the vehicle turned left and traveled back onto the parking area. The officer observed the vehicle enter another parking spot and proceed until the right front tire was touching the curb, at which point the driver continued to apply the gas multiple times until the tires started to climb the curb onto the sidewalk. At this point, the CHP officer activated his lights and made contact with Respondent in the driver's seat.

14. The officer observed Respondent with bloodshot and watery eyes, slow and slurred speech and noticed an odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. When asked how much he had to drink, Respondent repeatedly stated "nothing" and denied consuming alcohol. Respondent repeatedly claimed he was not driving, was only parked and would not drive any more. Respondent also disclosed that he was a physician.

15. The officer asked Respondent if he would submit to Field Sobriety Tests and Respondent refused. Respondent also refused to submit to blood or breathalyzer testing.

16. Respondent was placed under arrest at 8:51 p.m. for violation of Vehicle Code Section 23152, subdivision (a) based on the officer's observations of Respondent's driving and symptoms of alcoholic beverage intoxication including odor of alcohol from his breath, bloodshot and watery eyes, slow and slurred speech and being unsteady on his feet.

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17. Respondent was transferred to the CHP Buttonwillow area office and was again asked whether he would submit to testing. Due to Respondent's continued refusal to submit to testing, a search warrant was obtained at or about 10:20 p.m. for a forced blood draw, and two vials of blood were obtained at or about 11:34 p.m. at Kern Medical Hospital.

18. Respondent's blood sample, obtained approximately three hours after the initial stop, resulted in a BAC reading of 0.170 percent. A toxicology drug analysis was also performed which resulted in a finding of 2.4 ng/mL of Hydrocodone.

19. On or about February 22, 2022, a misdemeanor criminal complaint was filed, charging Respondent with violations of Vehicle Code Sections 23152, subdivisions (a) and (b).

20. On or about April 4, 2022, in the case entitled *The People of the State of California v. Gurinder Pal Singh Chatha*, case number SM125930, in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Respondent, upon his plea of no contest, was convicted of Vehicle Code Section 23152, subdivision (a) for driving under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor. The remaining criminal charge for violation of Vehicle Code Section 23152, subdivision (b) was dismissed as part of the plea agreement with the Kern County District Attorney's Office. Respondent was placed on 3-years' probation with the following terms and conditions:

A. Serve two days in jail with credit for time served;

B. Not drive a motor vehicle with any measurable amount of alcohol in his system;

C. Not drive a motor vehicle unless properly licensed;

D. Not drive a motor vehicle unless properly insured;

E. Submit to a blood, breath or urine test at the request of any peace officer or probation officer to determine BAC.

F. Pay fines, restitution and fees;

G. Obey all laws.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

21. Respondent Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490 and 2236, subdivision (a) of the Code, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, in that Respondent has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a physician, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 13 through 20, which are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dangerous Use of Alcohol)

22. Respondent Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section 2239 of the Code, in that Respondent consumed alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be dangerous and injuries to himself or to the public, as more particularly alleged in the First Cause for Discipline, which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

23. Respondent Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234 of the Code in that Respondent has engaged in unprofessional Conduct. The circumstances are as follows:

24. The allegations of the First and Second Causes for Discipline are incorporated herein by reference 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 Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 122914, issued to Respondent Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D.;

2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

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3. Ordering Respondent Gurinder P. Chatha, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and

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

DATED: JUN 15 2023

REJI VARGHESE
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