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Mr. Peter Hazen  
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Re: Notice of Administrative Action including Monetary Penalty

Peter Hazen; RIC21440  
OCP Incident Number 2025-MCP-1484

Dear Mr. Hazen,

This Notice of Administrative Action is issued pursuant to the *Maine Administrative Procedures Act* (Maine APA), Title 5, Ch. 375, sub ch. 4, to **Peter Hazen**, Use Cannabis Program (MUCP) **RIC21440** for a violation of the *Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act* (MMUCA), Title 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C, and the *Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program Rule*, 18-691, Ch. 2, as described below. In response to this violation, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, acting through its Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP), (collectively, "The Department") is taking the administrative actions detailed in this notice.

The licensee named herein is subject to the administrative actions pursuant to MMUCA as described in Part II, and III below that may be timely appealed accordance with the Maine APA in accordance with Part IV of this Notice. Failure to appeal in a timely will result in the imposition of the administrative actions described herein.

I. Summary of MUCP Investigation of License

1. Charles Crapps (CGR26612) is a registered caregiver with retail authority who operates The Pot Shop, a caregiver retail store located at [REDACTED]. Peter Hazen (RIC21440) is an employee of Charles Crapps and has an RIC Card with OCP.
2. On September 23, 2025, a contracted compliance agent (CA) for the Office of Cannabis Policy was conducting random spot checks of local medical cannabis businesses to ensure sales were only being made to qualifying patients. The compliance agent is not a qualifying patient and does not have a medical certificate to purchase medical cannabis.
3. At about 2:25 pm, the contracted CA reported they entered The Pot Shop and were let inside by an employee, later identified as you (Peter Hazen). The contracted CA told Mr. Hazen that they noticed signs outside indicating this store was a medical shop and that the contracted CA was looking for a recreational store in the area.

4. According to the contracted CA, Mr. Hazen said he could help out the contracted CA as long as the agent had a regular identification card and escorted the agent further into the store. The contracted CA told Mr. Hazen that they did not have their driver's license, but Mr. Hazen asked what the contracted compliance agent was looking to buy anyway. The contracted CA told Mr. Hazen they were looking to buy a sativa pre-roll (cannabis).
5. According to the contracted CA, Mr. Hazen then went to the back room and came back with a tote-type container that had several different pre-rolls in it. The contracted CA asked that Mr. Hazen pick one out, which he then gave a plastic tube containing a "Black Cherry Gushers" pre-roll to the contracted compliance agent. The price was \$8, and the contracted compliance agent gave Mr. Hazen a \$20 bill. The agent told him to just give back \$10, which he did.
6. At no time did Mr. Hazen ask for a medical card from the contracted compliance agent. During this transaction, the contracted CA did not provide their name or identify themselves as a contracted compliance agent for OCP.
7. After the contracted CA went to the car to secure the pre-roll, they returned to speak with Mr. Hazen at the store. At that point the contracted compliance agent advised Mr. Hazen they were a compliance agent for the Office of Cannabis Policy, and a Violation Notice was issued to Mr. Hazen. Mr. Hazen printed and signed his name on the violation notice.
8. On September 26, 2025, Compliance Inspector Chris Giesecke of the Office of Cannabis Policy met with the store owner Charles Crapps at [REDACTED] to discuss what happened. Mr. Crapps told CI Giesecke that he had a conversation with employee Peter Hazen about the transaction Mr. Hazen had with the contracted compliance agent, and Mr. Crapps told CI Giesecke that Mr. Hazen advised that he thought the contracted CA was a homeless woman and that he just gave her a pre-roll and did not take any money. CI Giesecke told Mr. Crapps about what the contracted compliance agent reported and that they had given Mr. Hazen \$8 for the pre-roll plus \$2 extra. Mr. Crapps said that Mr. Hazen did not tell him that.
9. Mr. Crapps then produced a receipt, allegedly written by Mr. Hazen, that recorded the transaction. It was a yellow slip of paper with the date of 9/23/25. The name read, "Older Lady? Donna Marshall – 1 premium preroll \$8 + tax \$8.44."

## II. Summary conclusions of facts and violations:

The Department finds, based upon its investigation and interviews:

1. Peter Hazen, a registrant agent for caregiver Charles Crapps, sold cannabis from a medical cannabis store to a non-patient. This is a violation of:

Title 22 M.R.S. § 2423-A (2) (A-1) Sale of cannabis to a non-patient.

And

Title 22 M.R.S. § 2430-I (4)(A) Administrative penalty for sale or transfer to nonpatient states:

*First time a registrant or agent sells, furnishes or gives cannabis for medical use to a person who is not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use under this*

*chapter, the registrant or registrant agent that sold, furnished or gave cannabis for medical use to a person not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use may be subject to an administrative penalty for a minor registration violation.*

III. Summary of administrative actions taken by the Department:

Considering the violations summarized above and in order to ensure compliance with Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program, 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C the Department is taking the following administrative actions:

1. In response to employee Peter Hazen transferring a harvested cannabis product to a person who is not a medical cannabis patient in violation of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act:
  - a. OCP imposes the following fine against Peter Hazen RIC21440: **\$100** for a minor violation in accordance with section 2430-I (3)(A)(1) of the Maine Use of Cannabis Act, to be remitted to the Department no later than 120 days from the date of this notice.

Title 22 M.R.S § 2430-I (3) (A)(1):

A. For a registered caregiver who does not operate a retail store and a **registrant agent**:

(1) Not more than \$200 for each minor registration violation;

IV. Summary of administrative appeal rights:

The Department issues this Notice of Administrative Action in accordance with its authority pursuant to 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C, §2430-I and the Maine APA, 5 MRS, Ch. 375. If you disagree with the Department's findings of fact or administrative actions, you may request a formal hearing within 30 days from the date of this Notice. Failure to timely request a formal hearing of the Department will result in this Notice of Administrative Action including Monetary Penalty and Order of Forfeiture and Destruction becoming the FINAL ORDER of the Department. You will not be able to petition for a review in Superior Court and it could impact your continued participation in the programs administered by the Office of Cannabis Policy.

A request for a formal hearing may be sent via e-mail to Deputy Director Vernon Malloch: [Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov](mailto:Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov) or via USPS mail to: Office of Cannabis Policy, 162 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333.

Sincerely,



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