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Re: Notice of Administrative Action including Revocation of Individual Identification Card
Skye Bennett, IIC10636
OCP Incident # 2025-ACP-1456

Dear Ms. Bennett,

This Notice of Administrative Action is issued pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (Maine APA), Title 5, Ch. 375, subchapter 4, to Skye Bennett IIC10636, for violations of the Cannabis Legalization Act (CLA), Title 28-B, Ch. 1 and the *Adult Use Cannabis Program Rule*, 18-691 CMR, Ch. 30 as described below. In response to these actions, 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 28-B MRS § 801 as described in Part II and III below that may be timely appealed in accordance with the Maine APA in accordance with Part IV of this Notice. Failure to timely appeal will result in the imposition of the administrative actions described herein.

I. Summary of AUCP Investigation of Skye Bennett, IIC10636:

1. On April 10, 2025, Lynn Illes, owner of Coastal Roots, notified OCP of diversion of product involving an employee. The diversion of product occurred at the Coastal Roots Retail Store AMS1672 located at 1258 Main St. in Oxford. An internal audit was initiated by another employee on April 9, 2025, and this audit found several cannabis products not accounted for. The missing items included two vape carts, three packages of batter, and two 1/8th ounce packages of flower.
2. Owner Lynn Illes advised Compliance Inspector Brochu that she reviewed the on-site video surveillance system and on March 5, 2025, you (Skye Bennett) were observed in the vault room, placing a vape cart into the strap of your shirt or bra. Ms. Illes confronted you and you subsequently signed a resignation letter on April 10th.

3. A copy of the video was provided to Compliance Inspector Brochu who reviewed the video, and you were observed on video retrieving a vape cart from a shelf in the vault and placing inside your bra strap.
4. On April 16, 2025, Compliance inspector Brochu sent a violation notice to the email and the address that OCP has on file for you. CI Brochu also made attempts to contact you by phone and went to the address listed and was not able to speak to you about this matter.

II. Summary findings of fact and violations:

The Department finds, based upon its investigation and interviews:

1. You (Skye Bennett) were observed on video committing the theft of a vape cart from the vault room of Coastal Roots in Oxford. This is in violation of Adult Use Rule, 18-691 Ch. 30, § 1 (3) (A) (3) (d).
 - a. *(d) Engage in, or permit any employee or other person to engage in, conduct on the licensed or permitted premises that is prohibited by any portion of 28-B MRS, 17-A MRS or 36 MRS; any part of the rules governing the adult use cannabis program; or any other applicable state laws and rules; or (Title 17-A, 353: Theft by Unauthorized taking)*
2. You, as an employee of Coastal Roots in Oxford, failed to report all transactions in the States' tracking system. This is in violation of Adult Use Rule, 18-691, Ch 30, § 1 (8) (B) (6).
 - a. *(6) A licensee shall report all transactions into the tracking system*

III. Summary of administrative actions taken by the Department:

Considering the violations summarized above and in order to ensure compliance with the MLA and Department rules, the Department is taking the following administrative actions to ensure licensee compliance with program requirements:

1. In response to Skye Bennett engaging in prohibited conduct (Theft) as defined in Title 17A (353) and based on the Adult Use of Cannabis Rule 18-691 Chapter 30 §6 (1) (E)(2) *The Department may revoke an individual identification card for any violation of 28-B MRS or this rule.*
 - a. OCP Revokes the IIC Card of Skye Bennett IIC10636
2. In response to failing to report all transactions into the tracking system. This is in violation of Adult Use Rule, 18-691, Ch 30, § 1 (8) (B) (6).
 - a. OCP will issue technical assistance.

IV. Summary of administrative appeal rights:

The Department issues this Notice of Administrative Action in accordance with its authority pursuant to 28-B MRS § 801 and the Maine APA, 5 MRS, Ch. 375. If you disagree with the Department's findings of fact or administrative actions, you may timely 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 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 or via USPS mail to: Office of Cannabis Policy, 162 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Goodale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dean Goodale
Director of Compliance
Office of Cannabis Policy

Cc: Director John Hudak, Office of Cannabis Policy
Deputy Director Vernon Malloch, Office of Cannabis Policy
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