

## STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF MARIJUANA POLICY 162 STATE HOUSE STATION 19 UNION STREET FIRST FLOOR AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0162

ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

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May 18, 2021

Via Certified Mail and USPS First Class Mail

Darsi Simond



Subject: Notice of Revocation of Registry Identification Card(s)

Dear Mrs. Simond:

The Maine Department of Administrative & Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy (Department) is responsible for the administration and oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program (MMMP). Protection for authorized conduct requires compliance with the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and program rules. Pursuant to its authority under 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C, §2430-F, the Department revokes the following Registry Identification Card(s): CGR26089. Such revocations are effective three (3) calendar days after the date of this notice.

## I. Justification for revocation:

The Department's decision to revoke your Registry Identification Card(s) is based on your violation of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. More specifically, the Department's MMMP field investigation staff have provided the Department with sufficient evidence to demonstrate the following statutory and regulatory violations:

- On January 20, 2021 The Office of Marijuana Policy was informed by the City of Lewiston of a fire at your caregiver retail store/cultivation location, 44 Strawberry Ave.
   We were informed that the fire department had observed what they believed to be some type of an extraction lab.
- Field Investigators visited your location on this day and observed the extraction
  equipment and two 100 pound tanks labeled 70% Butane and 30% Propane. In your
  initial conversation with the Field Investigator Northrup you advised that with the aid of
  your caregiver assistant Phillip Moon, the equipment was assembled in November of
  2020. You went on to say that Phillip has some experience with extraction equipment
  and would "play around" with it on occasion.
- According to Phillip Moon, he conducted extractions with butane 5 or 6 different times and that the equipment holds 900 grams of flower at one time.

- Investigator Northrup reviewed Office of Marijuana Policy records and found no evidence that either you or your husband Mark Simond, also a caregiver at the same address, provided notice of intent to engage in marijuana extraction with the use of inherently hazardous substances as required by Title 22 MRSA Chapter 558-C §2423-F (3)
- You are unable to produce certification from a professional engineer licensed in this state of the safety of the equipment and approval of a standard operating procedure for marijuana extraction required by title 22 MRSA Chapter 558-C §2423F (3).

For these reasons, your eligibility to participate in the MMMP has been revoked. Please immediately return your Registry Identification Card to:

Department of Administrative & Financial Services Office of Marijuana Policy Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program 162 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0162

## II. Registration Revocation and Right to Request an Informal Hearing:

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §2430-F, the Department may suspend or revoke a registry identification card for violation of Chapter 558-C and the rules adopted by the Department. A person who has had authorization for conduct under Chapter 558-C revoked due to failure to comply with Chapter 558-C and rules adopted by the Department may request an informal hearing. If you would like to request an informal hearing, please notify the Department in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the revocation effective date at the address information provided above. If the Department does not receive a hearing request in accordance with the policy, the revocation becomes final.

Sincerely,

Vernon Malloch

Deputy Director of Operations

Office of Marijuana Policy

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