

**SHAWN CUMBERBATCH**

**\* BEFORE THE MARYLAND**

**Respondent**

**\* CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION**

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**Agent Badge No. AG-003405**

**\* Case No. 24-00129**

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**ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION OF CANNABIS AGENT REGISTRATION**

On June 12, 2024, the Maryland Cannabis Administration (“MCA”), pursuant to the Cannabis Reform Act (the “Act”), codified at Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, § 36-501, *et seq.* (2023), issued a Notice of Intent to Permanently Revoke the agent registration of **SHAWN CUMBERBATCH** (“Respondent”), agent badge registration number **AG-009405** for the reasons set forth herein.

The pertinent provisions of the Act are as follows:

**§ 36-202. Powers and duties of Administration**

(a) The Administration shall:

7) after a determination that a violation of this title or a regulation adopted under this title has occurred, suspend, fine, restrict, or revoke cannabis licenses and cannabis registrations, whether active, expired, or surrendered, or impose any other penalty authorized by this title or any regulation adopted under this title;

The pertinent provisions of the Act’s corresponding regulations are codified at Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) as follows:

**14.17.14 Complaints, Enforcement, Record Keeping, and Inspections of Cannabis Businesses**

.04 Discipline and Enforcement.

A. Diversion.

(1) A licensee, registrant, agent, or employee may not:

(a) Divert cannabis or cannabis products for any unauthorized sale or distribution;

D. The Administration may fine, suspend, restrict, revoke, or otherwise sanction any cannabis licensee or registrant for:

- (1) Any violation of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, Title 36, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (2) Any violation of this regulation;
- (3) Any violation of this chapter;
- (4) Any other violation of this subtitle and COMAR 10.62;
- (5) Restricting, limiting, or otherwise impeding an inspection or investigation by the Administration; or
- (6) Any other violation of State, federal, or local:
  - (a) Law;
  - (b) Regulation; or
  - (c) Ordinances.

.05 Fines, Hearings, and Suspension.

A. A licensee, registrant, agent, or employee who violates Regulation .04A—B of this chapter is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation.

### **Findings of Fact**

The Administration makes the following findings of fact based upon the MCA's investigative file in this matter:

1. Respondent was originally awarded a cannabis agent registration on or about November 14, 2022, under registration number **AG-009405** to work at PC Cultivator (the "Grower"), a cannabis grower located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
2. On or about March 7, 2024, Grower employee J.B. contacted the MCA to report an employee stealing cannabis.
3. J.B. reported to the MCA that the Respondent was caught stealing cannabis flower (usable cannabis) on September 1, 2023 and was immediately terminated.
4. Respondent was working in the trim room when multiple employees, including security personnel and a shift manager observed the Respondent grabbing a handful of cannabis flower and moving it to the left side of a piece of equipment. Said activity was confirmed upon review of security camera footage.

5. Further review of the footage showed Respondent concealing cannabis flower inside disposable plastic hand gloves.
6. Further investigation identified Respondent removing the gloves filled with flower outside of the trim room and concealing it inside his personal locker.
7. Security personnel located the Respondent's bag in the locker room and found 7 disposable nitrile gloves filled with cannabis flower. Security personnel reviewed video footage and confirmed the theft.
8. On or about June 12, 2024, MCA issued a Notice of Intent to Permanently Revoke Agent Registration (“NOIR”).
9. The Respondent received and signed for the NOIR on July 25, 2024. *See* USPS Tracking and Internet Delivery Signature and Address attached hereto.

#### **Violations**

10. Respondent’s actions of taking cannabis flower from the Grower without authorization and with the presumption of intending to distribute it is a clear violation of COMAR 14.17.14.04.

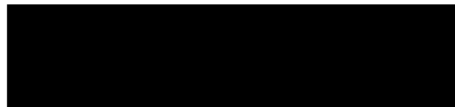
#### **ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 4th day of September 2024 hereby:

**ORDERED** that Respondent’s cannabis agent registration is and shall be **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-401 et seq. (2021).

09/18/2024  
Date

  
William Tilburg, Director