

**IN THE MATTER OF
JONNUS POLLARD**

Respondent

*** BEFORE THE MARYLAND
* CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION
* Case No. 25-00438**

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PERMANENTLY DISQUALIFY AGENT REGISTRATION

The Maryland Cannabis Administration (“MCA”), pursuant to the Cannabis Reform Act (the “Act”), codified at Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, §36-101, *et seq.* (2023, 2025 Supp.) and Code of Maryland regulations (“COMAR”), 14.17, *et seq.* (2024, 2025 Supp.) hereby provides this **NOTICE OF INTENT TO PERMANENTLY DISQUALIFY AGENT REGISTRATION** of **JONNUS POLLARD (“Respondent”)** from registering as a cannabis agent for any Maryland-licensed cannabis business, 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:

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- 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

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A. Diversion.

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

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

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

(1) Any violation of Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, Title 36, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(2) Any violation of this subtitle;

.05. Fines, Hearings, and Suspension

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B. A licensee, registrant, or agent who violates Regulation .04 of this chapter or COMAR 14.17.20 is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation.

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Allegations of Fact¹

The Administration bases its charges on the following facts that the Administration has reason to believe are true:

1. At all times material to this case, Respondent was employed as a registered cannabis agent at GTI Maryland, LLC (“GTI”), a cannabis grower operating under Maryland License No. GA-23-00020, in Centerville, Maryland.
2. During the time of his employment with GTI, Respondent held agent registration no. AG-005784.
3. On July 11, 2025, GTI notified the Administration that its night shift team had been unable to locate batch 1A4030300002581000072790. Specifically, on the evening of July 10th, 2025, GTI’s Production Lab Supervisor could not physically locate cannabis product that

¹ The allegations set forth in these charges are intended to provide Respondents with notice of the Administration's action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against Respondents in connection with these charges.

he had previously visually verified in the work in progress (WIP) flower vault. The Supervisor reviewed GTI's closed circuit TV and identified Respondent acting suspiciously in the vault.

4. GTI immediately launched an investigation and reviewed surveillance footage and access control records from April to July, 2025. GTI also interviewed 38 employees and conducted a full inventory audit, which confirmed losses of cannabis during the review period.
5. GTI's investigation revealed five known dates that Respondent stole usable unpackaged cannabis from its facility between April 12, 2025, and July 11, 2025. All thefts occurred in the WIP Flower Vault and were captured on video as follows:
 - a. On June 15, 2025 at 11:51 p.m., Respondent appears to take a batch bag out of a bin/tote and put it into his clothing. He then exited the WIP vault;
 - b. On June 23, 2025 at 11:43 pm; Respondent is shown opening a trash bag that he pulled out of his pants and placing three large batch bags into the trash bag. He then exited the WIP vault. From another camera, Respondent is then seen exiting the sallyport carrying four black trash bags. He placed three of the black trash bags into the dumpster and carried the last trash bag out of camera view;
 - c. On July 2, 2025 at 5:20 p.m., Respondent is seen removing an entire liner bag² from a bin/tote and placing it in a black trash bag before exiting the WIP vault. From another camera, Respondent appeared on video from behind the dumpster where he is seen picking up two black trash bags from behind the dumpster and then walking back behind the dumpster out of camera view;

² According to GTI, a liner bag can hold up to 10 pounds of usable flower.

d. On July 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm, Respondent is shown pulling a black trash bag out of his pants, taking two batch bags off of a rolling cart and placing both into the black trash bag. He is then seen taking a batch bag off the top shelf of the same rolling cart. The tag on this batch bag was able to be identified in the original video with the “zoom in” function as 1A4030300002581000072144, Animal Face.³ From another camera, Respondent is shown appearing from behind the dumpster and picking up a trash bag before exiting camera view with it;

e. On July 9, 2025 at 8:07 pm, Respondent is shown taking a liner bag out of a tote and placing it in the trash bag he arrived with before he is shown exiting the sally port and can be seen throwing the trash bag behind the dumpster. From another camera, Respondent is seen appear from behind the dumpster and pick up a trash bag before exiting the camera’s view with it.

6. GTI representatives stated that for each of the videos described herein, there was no legitimate reason for any employee to ever put usable cannabis in a black trash bag and remove it from the WIP vault.
7. Based on its investigation, in total, GTI estimated that approximately 48.8 pounds of usable cannabis was diverted with a price of \$7.64 per gram, amounting to a total loss value of approximately \$169,165.73.
8. In addition, GTI contacted the Centerville Police Department, who conducted a search of Respondent’s home.
9. Police located two black trash bags containing six smaller zip type bags with cannabis inside. A GTI Maryland METRC tag (1A4030300002581000072970) was found with the

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cannabis and matched the product initially noted missing. Approximately 8,258 grams (18.18 lbs.) of cannabis was recovered. Respondent was arrested and charged with theft, theft scheme, embezzlement, and possession of a controlled danger substance with the intent to distribute.

10. Respondent's cannabis agent badge was deactivated from MCA's licensing system on July 17, 2025.

Alleged Violations

11. Respondent's conduct of diverting bags filled with usable cannabis on at least five occasions constitutes violations of COMAR 14.17.14.04A(1)(a).

Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

In accordance with the Act and the Administrative Procedures Act, codified at Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-101 *et seq.*, the Administration hereby notifies Respondent of an opportunity for a hearing **BEFORE** the Administration makes a final decision in this case. Respondent must request a hearing in writing **WITHIN THIRTY DAYS** of receipt of this Notice. The written request should be made to:

Anthony Grover, Chief, Field Operations
Maryland Cannabis Administration
anthony.grover@maryland.gov
and hearings.mca@maryland.gov

with carbon copies to:

Francesca Gibbs, Assistant Attorney General
Administrative Prosecutor
Office of the Attorney General
francesca.gibbs@maryland.gov

and

Heather Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Administration Counsel

Office of the Attorney General
heather.nelson1@maryland.gov

If a request for a hearing is made, a hearing will be scheduled before the Administration. If the Administration does not receive a written request for a hearing within thirty days of receipt of this Notice, the Administration will issue the enclosed Order of Permanent Disqualification. The Order will be a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-401 et seq. (2024 Repl. Vol.).

Date


Tabatha Robinson, Director
Maryland Cannabis Administration

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ORDER OF PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION OF AGENT REGISTRATION

On January ____, 2026, 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, 2025 Supp.), issued a Notice of Intent to Permanently Disqualify Agent Registration to Jonnus Pollard (“Respondent”) to prevent him from registering as a cannabis agent for any Maryland-licensed cannabis business. Having failed to timely request a hearing on the same, MCA hereby **PERMANENTLY DISQUALIFIES** Respondent from registering as an agent for any Maryland-licensed cannabis business.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct of diverting multiple large bags filled with usable cannabis on at least five occasions constitutes violations of COMAR 14.17.14.04A(1)(a), and thus he is permanently disqualified from registering as a cannabis agent in Maryland.

ORDER

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Maryland Cannabis Administration, it is hereby


ORDERED that Jonnus Pollard is **PERMANENTLY DISQUALIFIED** from registering as a cannabis agent for any Maryland business; and it is further

ORDERED that Jonnus Pollard is solely responsible for any costs associated with this Order; and be it further

ORDERED that this Order will be a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-401 et seq. (2024 Repl. Vol.).

5-18-2026

Date


Tabatha Robinson, Director
Maryland Cannabis Administration

Appeal Rights

This Order is the final agency determination for purposes of judicial review. COMAR 14.17.22.10. A party may appeal the final determination of the Administration to a Maryland circuit court if done so within 30 days of receipt of this Final Order. COMAR 14.17.22.12. For purposes of an appeal, venue in the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County shall be proper as that is where the Administration resides and carries on its regular business. *Id.*