

MADISON USILTON * BEFORE THE MARYLAND
Agent Badge No. AG-008512 * CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION
Respondent * Case No. 25-00336

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CONSENT ORDER

The Maryland Cannabis Administration (the “Administration” or “MCA”) and Respondent **MADISON USILTON, Agent Badge No. AG-008512** (“Respondent”), pursuant to the Cannabis Reform Act, codified at Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis § 36-501, *et seq.* (2023, 2025 Supp.) (the “Act”) and Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 14.17 (2024), hereby enter into this Consent Order in order to resolve violations of the Act and COMAR without the need for formal proceedings, to include an evidentiary hearing.

The pertinent provisions of the Act in place at the time of the events set forth herein 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 COMAR in place at the time of the allegations set forth herein are as follows:

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

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.04 Discipline and Enforcement.

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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(c) Fail to accurately track, tag, or otherwise record inventory in the seed-to-sale tracking systems;

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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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FINDINGS OF FACT

The parties agree to the following statement of facts:

1. Respondent originally received a cannabis agent registration on May 31, 2022. Her most recent registration was renewed on or about May 29, 2024, under registration number **AG-008512**, to work at Hippocratic Growth Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Ash + Ember, a licensed cannabis dispensary located at 202 Coursevall Drive, Suite 108, Centreville, Maryland 21617 (the "Dispensary").

2. On July 8, 2025, MCA investigators conducted an unannounced inspection of the Dispensary.

3. During the inspection, the investigators reviewed the Dispensary's Standard Operating Procedures ("SOPs") for handling Green Waste. The SOP states that "[a]ll product

not manifested back to a licensed grower or processor shall immediately be rendered unusable, entered into Waste Log and placed into the Waste Container. This action must be clearly captured on video.”

4. The investigators also reviewed video footage of a product that was returned by an adult consumer on May 28, 2025. The product was a 1 gram vape cartridge (METRC tag 1A403030000012E000087250, Strawberry Lemonadez Distillate Cartridge Hellavated - Vape Cart - 1.0 g).

6. Although Respondent completed the handwritten Green Waste Log to indicate that the returned product would be destroyed, the video footage revealed that Respondent instead put the returned product into a brown bag with handles.

7. Respondent also made a METRC Waste Adjustment entry to remove the product from the Dispensary’s physical inventory.

8. The video shows that a few minutes later, Respondent gave the same bag to another registered cannabis agent, N.S., who then proceeded to leave the room.

9. The Dispensary conducted an investigation and drafted a report about the diversion of the product. Respondent claimed she did not remember the incident and was possibly distracted due to Attention Deficit Disorder, Dyslexia and Dysgraphia and did not follow proper procedure. Respondent has requested accommodations for her diagnosed disabilities to perform this task in the future.

10. Respondent admitted that she had routinely placed green waste into a plastic bag for destruction rather than placing it in the clear green waste bin. The Dispensary’s investigation included a review of Respondent’s handling of product previously green wasted, and she had followed the Dispensary’s SOPs on prior occasions. Specifically, in the month following and two

months prior to the incident, video reviews of Respondent's Green Waste procedures for nine (9) randomly selected events showed that all were performed according to the Dispensary's SOPs.

11. The Dispensary voluntarily took corrective measures in response to Respondent's actions. The Dispensary's remedial action included the immediate removal of Respondent from all Green Waste and Sample Distribution responsibilities, followed by her being scheduled for retraining on Green Waste SOP and Diversion. Further, Respondent was assessed a three (3) day suspension from working at the Dispensary without pay.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13. Respondent's failure to green waste a returned cannabis product, making a Metrc entry that the product had been destroyed for the purpose of reconciling the Dispensary's physical entry, and giving that same product to another cannabis agent who removed it from the operations area constitutes diversion.

14. Respondent's conduct as set forth herein is a violation of COMAR 14.17.14.04(1)(a).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby

ORDERED that Respondent's agent registration, **AG-008512**, shall be **SUSPENDED** for **ONE (1) MONTH** following the execution of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent shall be placed under **PROBATION** for **SIX (6) MONTHS** following completion of the suspension, during which Respondent must complete additional training on (i) green waste and inventory recording in METRC; and (ii) Hippocratic Growth Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Ash + Ember's Standard Operating Procedures; and it is further

ORDERED that, throughout the course of her probation, Respondent shall be subject to affirmative reporting by Hippocratic Growth Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Ash + Ember, which agrees to provide video to the MCA investigator on a monthly basis of Respondent's green waste activities, along with the green waste log for a monthly audit of the same by the MCA; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent shall be disqualified from registering as a cannabis agent with any other Maryland licensed entity for seven (7) months following the execution of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Order shall be deemed a violation of the Maryland Cannabis Reform Act and shall result in additional enforcement action, including suspension of Respondent's license; and be it further

ORDERED that Respondent shall be responsible for the costs associated with complying with this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Provis. §§ 4-101 et seq. (2024 Supp.).

2-5-2026
Date



Tabatha Robinson, Director
Maryland Cannabis Administration

CONSENT

I, Madison Usilton (hereinafter "Respondent"), am over 18 years old and have legal authority to enter into this agreement on my behalf. Respondent acknowledges that she had the opportunity to seek advice of counsel in this matter. By this Consent, Respondent agrees and accepts to be bound by this Consent Order and its conditions and restrictions. Respondent waives any rights she may have had to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

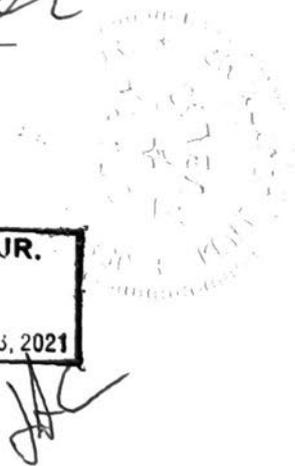
Respondent acknowledges the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which the Respondent would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on her own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. Respondent acknowledges the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Administration to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. Respondent also affirms that she is waiving its right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Administration that might have followed any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order, having consulted with counsel, and fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of the same, without reservation, and understand its meaning and effect.

2/10/2026
Date

Madison Usilton
Madison Usilton
Respondent

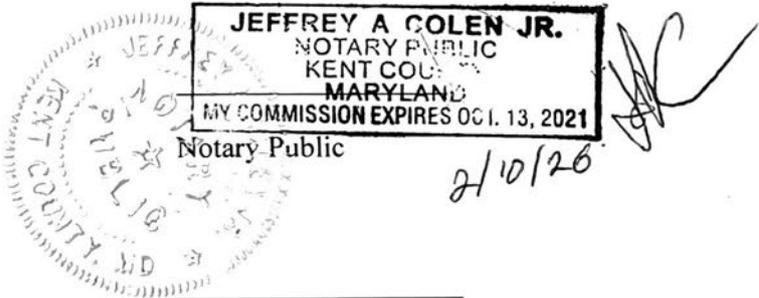
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NOTARY

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of Feb 2026, by Madison Usilton, and gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed. She has produced a Driver's License as identification.



My Commission Expires: 2029