

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

NOTICE AND PARTICULARS

In the matter of:

MCEJV, LLC

Rino Ferrarese
MCEJV, LLC
47 Lower Main Street
Portland, CT 06480

License No. ACME.0008473
Case No. 2025-978

Pursuant to Chapter 420h and Chapter 54 generally, and specifically Sections 21a-421p and 4-182 of the Connecticut General Statutes, you are hereby summoned to appear before the Department of Consumer Protection of the State of Connecticut (the “Department”), on **Wednesday, the 4th day of November 2026, at 10:00am, by Microsoft Teams**, then and there to answer the complaint and charges of the Department’s Cannabis Control Division, the particulars of which are as follows:

Incident 1. June 11, 2025

Charge 1. Making False, Misleading or Deceptive Representations to the Department or the Public. On or about June 11, 2025, you violated §21a-421p(b)(7) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that the commissioner may suspend, revoke, issue fines, place conditions on a cannabis establishment’s license and/or place a cannabis establishment’s license on probation, and other actions authorized by law for making false, misleading or deceptive representations to the public or the Department.

Charge 2. Involvement in Fraudulent or Deceitful Practices or Transactions. On or about June 11, 2025, you violated §21a-421p(b)(9) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that the commissioner may suspend, revoke, issue fines, place conditions on a cannabis establishment’s license and/or place a cannabis establishment’s license on probation, and other actions authorized by law for a cannabis establishment’s involvement in fraudulent or deceitful practices or transactions.

Charge 3. Failure To Comply with Provisions of RERACA, and the Department’s Policies and Procedures. On or about June 11, 2025 you violated §21a-421p(b)(17) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that the commissioner may suspend, revoke, issue fines, place conditions on a cannabis establishment’s license and/or place a cannabis establishment’s license on probation, and other actions authorized by law for failure to comply with any provision of RERACA, or any policies and procedures issued by the commissioner to implement, or regulations adopted pursuant to, RERACA.

Charge 4. Failure to Keep Accurate Records and to Account for the Cultivation, Manufacture, Packaging or Sale of Cannabis. On or about June 11, 2025, you violated §21a-421p(b)(5) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that the commissioner may suspend, revoke, issue fines, place conditions on a cannabis establishment's license and/or place a cannabis establishment's license on probation, and other actions authorized by law for failure to keep accurate records.

Charge 5. Failure to Enter Complete and Accurate Information into the Cannabis Analytic Tracking System. On or about June 11, 2025, you violated §21a-421j-5(c)(7) of the Department's Policies and Procedures, which provides that all information entered into the Cannabis Analytic Tracking System by a user shall be complete and accurate, and immediately corrected upon discovering any known errors, along with a notification of the same to the Department not more than twenty-four hours after discovery.

Charge 6. Failure to Maintain the Accuracy of Information Entered into the Cannabis Analytic Tracking System. On or about June 11, 2025, you violated §21a-421j-5(c)(10) of the Department's Policies and Procedures, which provides that a licensee shall be responsible for the conduct of its users while accessing the Cannabis Analytic Tracking System, including the accuracy of all information entered into the Cannabis Analytic Tracking System by its users.

Incident 2. September 19, 2024 – December 4, 2025

Charge 1. Failure to Have All Cannabis Receive a Satisfactory Certificate of Analysis. On or about September 19, 2024 through December 4, 2025, you violated §21a-421j-29(a) of the Department's Policies and Procedures, which provides that no cannabis establishment shall sell, transfer, transport, or otherwise convey cannabis to a retailer, hybrid retailer, or dispensary facility unless and until it receives satisfactory results for all certificate of analysis testing and analyses required under the same §21a-421j-29, including solvent testing for all solvents used in production.

Charge 2. Involvement in Fraudulent or Deceitful Practices or Transactions. On or about September 19, 2024 through December 4, 2025, you violated §21a-421p(b)(9) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that the commissioner may suspend, revoke, issue fines, place conditions on a cannabis establishment's license and/or place a cannabis establishment's license on probation, and other actions authorized by law for a cannabis establishment's involvement in fraudulent or deceitful practices or transactions.

Charge 3. Failure To Comply with Provisions Of RERACA, and the Department's Policies and Procedures. On or about September 19, 2024 through December 4, 2025, you violated §21a-421p(b)(17) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that the commissioner may suspend, revoke, issue fines, place conditions on a cannabis establishment's license and/or place a cannabis establishment's license on probation, and other actions authorized by law for failure to

comply with any provision of RERACA, or any policies and procedures issued by the commissioner to implement, or regulations adopted pursuant to, RERACA.

As more particularly set forth:

Incident 1: On or about June 11, 2025, you sent out for testing five separate samples of cannabis and represented to the Department, by way of data entry into the Cannabis Analytics Tracking System, these five samples were from an untested cannabis batch named “Cap Junky.” These five cannabis samples were not, in fact, from “Cap Junky,” but in actuality, were five unrelated batches, which had previously failed for Chromium testing on two separate occasions, in fact named: Zangria, Bachelor Party, The Soap, Gorilla Glue #4, and Medellin, respectively. You explained to the Department that these five samples were provided under false names in order to enter them into the Cannabis Analytics Tracking System without the required authorization from the Department.

Incident 2: On or about September 19, 2024 through December 4, 2025, you used solvents in the production of not less than 76 gummies cannabis products and failed to test each of those 76 products for residual solvents.

You are required to appear before the Department at the time and place hereinbefore set forth, to show cause, if any there be, why your cannabis establishment license should not be revoked, suspended or have any other authorized actions imposed against you.

The scheduled hearing follows your Compliance Meetings held on November 7, 2025, and February 5, 2026, as well as a Settlement Conference held on June 10, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Coss, Legal Program Director at (860)969-4497 or by email at Kathleen.Coss@ct.gov, with Abigail.Carrier@ct.gov on copy.

Dated in Hartford County, Connecticut, this 3rd day of September 2026.

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