STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

BUDBRIDGE, LLC dba Muha Meds

License No.: AU-R-001233

FORMAL COMPLAINT

ENF No.: 25-00795

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) by and through its attorneys,

Assistant Attorneys General Erika S. Julien and Sarah E. Huyser, files this formal

complaint against BUDBRIDGE, LLC dba Muha Meds (Respondent), alleging upon

information and belief as follows:

1. The CRA is authorized under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of

Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951 et seq., to investigate alleged violations

of the MRTMA and administrative rules promulgated thereunder, take disciplinary

action to prevent such violations, and impose fines and other sanctions against

applicants and licensees that violate the MRTMA or administrative rules.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

2. Respondent holds an active state license under the MRTMA to operate

an adult-use retailer business in the State of Michigan.

3. Respondent operated at 19 N. Hamilton Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, at

all times relevant to this complaint.

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- 4. Following an investigation, the CRA determined that Respondent violated the MRTMA and/or administrative rules promulgated thereunder as set forth below.
- 5. On May 30, 2025, the CRA received an anonymous complaint alleging various violations that the complainant observed during their employment with Respondent. The alleged violations included inaccurate tracking, improper sales, and improper storage, among others.
- 6. On July 16, 2025, a CRA regulation agent (R.A.) conducted an on-site visit and met with Respondent's general manager, L.H.
- 7. During the site visit, the R.A. questioned L.H. about multiple accounts in Respondent's point of sale (POS) system, Dutchie, that were linked to the name "Chris Peterson." L.H. admitted that three separate fake profiles under the name "Chris Peterson" existed in the POS system and were utilized for marijuana product transfers to employees and customers.
- 8. L.H. admitted that staff used a "Chris Peterson" account when employees were given internal and trade samples, for customer giveaways, and for "BOGO" promotions. L.H. stated that staff would "penny out" product in the POS system for these transactions.
- 9. L.H. admitted that Respondent could not accurately track transaction, sale, or possession limits in Metrc when sales or transfers of marijuana product were placed under the "Chris Peterson" accounts.

- 10. L.H. further admitted that that Respondent had received a warning for Metrc non-compliance when using a "Chris Peterson" account for the internal transfer of trade samples yet continued to engage in this practice for other sales and transfers.
- 11. The R.A. proceeded to walk through various locations in the facility. In an office, the R.A. observed a small, unenclosed plastic tub that contained a total of 75 1-gram marijuana pre-rolls that were not labeled with Metrc tags or any other identifiers.
- 12. A plastic bag containing bulk marijuana trim with Metrc tag
  1A4050300023925000001731 was in the same office. Per Metrc, the bag should
  have weighed 9,655.34 grams. L.H. admitted that the untagged pre-rolls were
  made from the bulk marijuana trim, and that they failed to tag the pre-rolls and
  failed to update Metrc to reflect the accurate weight of the bulk marijuana trim
  remaining in the plastic bag.
- 13. The R.A. observed a bag of marijuana flower in the same office that was hand-labeled "Designer Runtz" and "25 grams." L.H. admitted the bag did not have a Metrc tag or any other identifying numbers affixed.
- 14. Following the site visit, CRA analyst K.B. reviewed the sales data for the "Chris Peterson" accounts and observed that on June 24, 2025, Respondent sold 400 2-gram vape carts from 4:13 p.m. to 4:36 p.m. Each of these sales totaled \$0.07 for seven vape carts and/or \$0.02 for two vape carts.
  - 15. K.B. also observed that on July 7, 2025, Respondent sold 487 2-gram

vape carts from 10:46 a.m. to 11:29 a.m. Each of these sales totaled \$0.07 for seven vape carts and/or \$0.02 for two vape carts.

- 16. On July 29, 2025, the R.A. conducted a second site visit and met with Respondent's general manager, L.H., and compliance manager, A.B.
- 17. During this visit, the R.A. questioned L.H. about the two large, combined transactions on June 24, 2025, and July 7, 2025.
- 18. A.B. admitted that on June 24, 2025, employee M.K. sold a total of 400 2-gram vape carts to customer E.L. These transactions were applied to a "Chris Peterson" account instead of E.L.'s account. A.B. admitted that these "promotional" items provided to E.L. for free were valued at \$5,400.00.
- 19. E.L. picked up the products the next day and took all 400 vape carts, containing a total of 800 grams of marijuana concentrate, from the store at one time in violation of possession limits under MCL 333.27955(1). Respondent did not report this criminal activity to the CRA.
- 20. A.B. further admitted that on July 7, 2025, employee Z.B. sold a total of 487 2-gram vape carts to customer P.W. from the office computer that was assigned as the remote register. These transactions were applied to a "Chris Peterson" account instead of P.W.'s account. A.B. admitted that the "promotional" items provided to P.W. for free were valued at \$4,383.00.
- 21. Z.B. carried all 487 vape carts, containing a total of 974 grams of marijuana concentrate, to P.W.'s vehicle in the parking area in violation of possession limits under MCL 333.27955(1). Respondent did not report this criminal

activity to the CRA.

22. A.B. admitted that not associating sale transactions in Respondent's POS system to the persons receiving the sales did not accurately track those sales in Metrc.

#### COUNT 1

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Rule 420.104(3)(b), which states that a marijuana retailer must accurately enter all transactions, current inventory, and other information into the statewide monitoring system.

## COUNT 2

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Rule 420.104(3)(c), which states that before selling or transferring marijuana to an individual 21 years of age or older, verify the individual appears to be 21 years of age or older by means of a government-issued photographic identification containing a date of birth and that the sale or transfer will not exceed the single transaction limit set forth in the rules.

# COUNT 3

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Rule 420.210(2), which states that except for a designated consumption establishment or temporary marijuana event licensed under the MRTMA, a marijuana business must not have any marijuana product without a batch number or identification tag or label pursuant to the rules.

#### COUNT 4

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Rule 420.212(1), which states that all marijuana products must be stored at a marijuana business in a secured limited access area or restricted access area and must be identified and tracked consistently in the statewide monitoring system under the rules.

#### COUNT 5

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Rule 420.212(2), which states that all containers used to store marijuana products

for transfer or sale between marijuana businesses must be clearly marked, labeled, or tagged, if applicable, and enclosed on all sides in secured containers. The secured containers must be latched or locked in a manner to keep all contents secured within. Each secured container must be identified and tracked in accordance with the acts and the rules.

### COUNT 6

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Rule 420.505(2), which states that a marijuana sales location shall enter all transactions, current inventory, and other information required by the rules in the statewide monitoring system, maintain appropriate records of all sales or transfers under the acts and the rules, and make the records available to the agency upon request.

### COUNT 7

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Rule 420.509(3), which states that a licensee shall record the transfer of an internal product sample in the statewide monitoring system.

### COUNT 8

Respondent's actions as described above demonstrate a violation of Rule 420.804(1), which states that licensees shall notify the agency and local law enforcement authorities within 24 hours of becoming aware of, or within 24 hours of when the licensee should have been aware of criminal activity at the marijuana business.

THEREFORE, based on the above, the CRA gives notice of its intent to impose fines and/or other sanctions against Respondent's license, which may include suspension, revocation, restriction, and/or refusal to renew Respondent's license.

Under MCL 333.27957(1)(c) and Rule 420.704(2), any party aggrieved by an action of the CRA suspending, revoking, restricting, or refusing to renew a license, or imposing a fine, shall be given a hearing upon request. A request for a hearing must be submitted to the CRA in writing within 21 days after service of this

complaint. Notice served by certified mail is considered complete on the business day following the date of the mailing.

Respondent also has the right to request a compliance conference under Rule 420.704(1) and R 420.808(4). A compliance conference is an informal meeting at which Respondent has the opportunity to discuss the allegations in this complaint and demonstrate compliance under the MRTMA and/or the administrative rules.

Hearing and compliance conference requests must be submitted in writing by one of the following methods, with a copy provided to assistant attorneys general named below:

By Mail: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs

Cannabis Regulatory Agency

P.O. Box 30205

Lansing, Michigan 48909

In Person: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs

Cannabis Regulatory Agency 2407 North Grand River Lansing, Michigan 48906

By Email: CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov

If Respondent fails to timely respond to this formal complaint, a contested case hearing will be scheduled to resolve this matter.

Questions about this complaint should be directed to the undersigned assistant attorneys general.

Respectfully submitted,

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