

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF

JJ's News and Variety
20 Main Street
Windsor Locks, CT 06096-2345
License No. LSA.118544
Rais Bhura, Owner
RAISB@HOTMAIL.COM

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

JJ's News and Variety ("JJ's News" or "Subject Premises") is a licensed Lottery Sales Agent authorized to engage in lottery sales pursuant to license number LSA.118544, which permit is issued by the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection ("DCP" or "Department"). The permit has been renewed annually since its first issuance on September 26, 2023, and the current permit is set to expire on March 31, 2026.

After DCP received a complaint about the Subject Premises, on July 14, 2025 its investigators visited the location. When inside, DCP's investigators questioned owner Rais Bhura ("Bhura") about having slot machines on site. Bhura proceeded to show the investigators 5 video slot machines that were in a room that was separate from the main area of the store. Investigators found the 5 machines to be turned off but plugged in. Investigators found the machines to be operational and capable of issuing a paper ticket in the case of a win to be redeemed at another location. The machines were each padlocked and Bhura was only able to provide a key to 3 of the 5 machines. DCP removed the 5 machines from the store and transported them from the Subject Premises to the DCP Gaming Division evidence storage facility. After the machines arrived at DCP, investigators plugged in the machines, identified them,¹ and tested them for functionality. All were found to be operational when tested using U.S. currency, but containing no money. The owner of the machines at present is unknown to the Department.

The credential held by JJ's News does not authorize them to engage in the possession of Gambling Devices or in Gambling. The owner of the Subject Premises, Rais Bhura, was arrested and charged with one count of violating Conn. Gen. Stat. §53-278b (engaging in professional gambling) and five counts of Conn. Gen. Stat. §53-278c(d) (possession of a gambling device).

The alleged possession of gambling devices and professional gambling by Mr. Bhura at the Subject

¹ The video slot machines removed from JJ's News are identified as follows:

1. Pot-O-Gold #POG-58OF/R580SG04
2. Aurora World Famous# 5A70-5372-4375-7100-B825
3. Norther Link #6828-622A-722D-2900-8825
4. Power Skill I -no serial# located.
5. Skyline 2- no serial# located.

Premises demonstrate a lack of integrity and dishonest behavior in violation of Section 12-568a-5(e)(3) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. These actions seriously impair JJ's News' reputation for honesty and integrity as a Lottery Sales Agent and present an ongoing threat to lottery customers visiting the store.

DCP finds that maintaining public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action. In accordance with section 4-182(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, DCP ORDERS the lottery sales agent license shall be **suspended immediately and no lottery sales may be conducted until further written notice from the DCP.**

DCP will contact you regarding further enforcement proceedings for revocation or other action.

Dated this 18th day of July 2025.

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Bryan T. Cafferelli
Commissioner of Consumer Protection

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July _____, 2025, a copy of this **Summary Suspension Order** was electronically delivered to RAISB@HOTMAIL.COM, the Agent's email of record with the Department.

Delivered by:

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

CERTIFICATION OF HAND DELIVERY SERVICE

I, _____ have received, via Hand-Delivery, the Summary Suspension dated July _____, 2025, on this _____ day of July 2025.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Delivered by: _____