

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

IN THE MATTER OF

R & R CONVENIENCE SMOKE LLC

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SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

R&R Convenience Smoke LLC (“R&R”) is the holder of an Electronic Cigarette Dealer (“ECD”) registration issued by the Department of Consumer Protection (“DCP”). Pursuant to information submitted to DCP by R&R, the owner and person in charge is Ali Al-Raishani. The registration was first issued by DCP on May 17, 2024. The permit has been renewed annually, and the current permit is set to expire on February 28, 2026. An ECD registration authorizes holders to engage in the sale of electronic nicotine delivery systems (“ENDS products”); it does not authorize them to engage in the sale of cannabis.

DCP finds that on December 20, 2024, the Norwalk Police Department (“NPD”) executed search and seizure warrants at R&R located at 213 Main Street, Norwalk, CT 06851 (“the Premises”). The warrants were issued subsequent to the receipt by the NPD of multiple confidential tips submitted online and complaints from Norwalk residents and parents of minors alleging that numerous unlicensed shops in the Norwalk area were selling illicit cannabis products. Prior to executing the search warrant, an undercover NPD officer purchased products from the cashier on duty at the Premises, which subsequently field tested positive for the presence of marijuana. Following sale to the undercover officer, uniformed NPD officers entered the Premises, where they identified and seized more than 254 units of illegal THC edibles, vape products, pre-rolls, and varying quantities of packaged and loose cannabis flower. Also seized were two scales, a variety of cannabis packaging materials, and \$7,894 dollars in cash, presumed to be proceeds of the unlawful sale of cannabis. The cashier was arrested and charged with the unlawful sale of cannabis pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 21a-278b.

DCP further finds that on January 15, 2025, the NPD, with assistance from agents of DCP’s Drug Control Division, returned to the Premises to execute another search and seizure warrant for alleged ongoing unlawful conduct. Prior to execution of that warrant, an undercover NPD officer purchased products from the cashier on duty which subsequently field tested positive for the presence of marijuana. Following sale to the undercover officer, uniformed NPD officers entered the Premises where, with the assistance of DCP Drug Control agents, they identified and seized over 700 units of cannabis and cannabis products including edibles, vapes, concentrates, cannabis flower, and pre-rolled joints. Many of the products for sale displayed claims that they were medical products and/ or were appealing to children, featuring popular cereal and candy brand names and well-known cartoon characters. The cashier on duty was arrested by the NPD and charged with the unlawful sale of cannabis pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 21a-278b.

DCP further finds that on March 18, 2025, the NPD, with assistance from agents of DCP’s Drug Control Division, returned to the Premises to execute another search and seizure warrant for alleged ongoing unlawful conduct. Prior to execution of that warrant, an undercover NPD officer purchased products from the cashier on duty which subsequently field tested positive for the presence of marijuana. Following sale to the undercover officer, uniformed NPD officers entered the Premises where, with the assistance of DCP Drug

Control agents, they identified and seized 182 units of cannabis and cannabis products including edibles, vapes, cannabis flower, and pre-rolled joints. Many of the products for sale displayed claims that they were medical products and/ or were appealing to children, featuring popular cereal and candy brand names and well-known cartoon characters. Also seized were cannabis packaging materials, glass jars, and a scale, as well as \$749.00 in cash presumed to be proceeds from the unlawful sale of cannabis. The cashier on duty was arrested by the NPD and charged with the unlawful sale of cannabis.

DCP further finds that on July 11, 2025, the NPD returned to the Premises to execute another search and seizure warrant for alleged ongoing unlawful conduct. During the search, NPD officers observed packages of edibles and pre-rolls displayed near the cash register and 25 containers of cannabis flower packaged for sale in a bin behind the counter. The cashier on duty also informed officers that there was a trap door in the floor with an electronic lock where additional cannabis products were being stored for sale. Officers located the key to the hidden compartment with the assistance of the cashier, where they uncovered hundreds of additional illicit products, several of which field tested positive for the presence of marijuana. In total, 265 units of cannabis and cannabis products were seized, in addition to cannabis packaging materials, and \$1,169.00 in cash presumed to be proceeds from the unlawful sale of cannabis. The cashier on duty was arrested and charged with the unlawful sale and possession of cannabis.

R&R Convenience Smoke LLC has never held a cannabis establishment license and their ECD credential does not authorize them to engage in the sale of cannabis or cannabis products.

Based upon the foregoing, DCP finds that preservation of public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action, in accordance with section 4-182(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and hereby **ORDERS** the following:

Your Electronic Cigarette Dealer registration is **suspended effective immediately and no Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) sales may be conducted until further written notice from the DCP.**

A formal administrative hearing will be scheduled to determine whether the credential should be permanently revoked or subject to further disciplinary action. The Department will notify the Respondent of the date, time, and format of the hearing, pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Bryan Cafferelli
Commissioner
Department 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 alfareedconsulting@outlook.com, the Registrant's email of record with the Department.

Delivered by:

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____