

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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CASE NO. SPMG-2023-001

v.

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LAURENCE SANDERS

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PASADENA JEWELERS, INC. d/b/a

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SANDERS JEWELERS,

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Respondent

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**CONSENT ORDER AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This matter comes before the Maryland Department of Labor ("Department") because of a complaint filed by the Anne Arundel County Police Department. After a review of the complaint, the Department and Laurence Sanders of Pasadena Jewelers, Inc., d/b/a Sanders Jewelers ("Respondent") agreed to enter into this Consent Order as final settlement.

**THE PARTIES AGREE AND STIPULATE:**

1. The Respondent holds a secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers ("SPMG") license with the Department (Reg. No. 01-2234).
2. At all times relevant to the matters set forth in this Consent Order, the Department had jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Respondent.
3. On or about July 28, 2022, an officer from the Anne Arundel County Police Department reviewed thirty-eight (38) secondhand precious metal object transactions which occurred at the Respondent's place of business in Pasadena, Maryland between July 12, 2022, and July 14, 2022.
4. The officer's review revealed the following: in eight (8) transactions, the Respondent failed to adequately identify the seller of secondhand precious metal objects; and in five (5) transactions, the Respondent failed to hold secondhand precious metal items for the required eighteen (18) day hold.
5. Based on the aforementioned facts, the Respondent acknowledges that he has violated Business Regulation Article §12-302(a)(4) and §12-305, which provide in pertinent part:

**§12-302: Contents of records:**

(a) Records of dealers. -- In addition to any other information required by the Secretary, the records of a dealer shall include:

(4) for each individual from whom the dealer acquires a precious metal object:

(i) the name, date of birth, and driver's license number of the individual; or

(ii) identification information about the individual that:

1. positively identifies the individual from at least 2 forms of identification, which may include an age of majority card, military identification, or passport; and
2. provides a physical description of the individual, including the sex, race, any distinguishing features, and approximate age, height, and weight of the individual;

**§12-305: Holding period for precious metal objects:**

(a)(1)(i)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a dealer who acquires a precious metal object shall keep it in the county where the dealer holds a license from the time of acquisition until at least 18 days after submitting a copy of a record of its acquisition under §12-304 of this subtitle.

6. Based on the aforementioned violations, the Respondent agrees to pay to the Department a civil penalty of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), to be paid within thirty (30) days of execution of this Consent Order.
7. The Respondent further agrees that he shall abide by all provisions of the Maryland Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act, BR §12-101 et. seq., and COMAR 09.25.01, et. seq. with regard to all relevant future activities.
8. The Respondent, by entering into this Consent Order, expressly waives the right to an administrative hearing on the charges and the making of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and any and all further proceedings before the Department to which the Respondent may be entitled in this matter, and any rights to appeal from this Order.
9. The Respondent enters into this Consent Order freely, knowingly and voluntarily, and with the opportunity to seek the advice of counsel.
10. The Respondent agrees and acknowledges that this Consent Order shall constitute a Final Decision and Order of the Department and shall be enforceable as such.

Based on these stipulations, it is this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, by the Maryland Department of Labor:

ORDERED, that the Respondent has violated Business Regulation Article §12-302(a)(4) and §12-305; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Respondent be assessed a civil penalty of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the violations, which amount is payable to the Department within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that if the Respondent fails to make the required payment in accordance with the terms of this Consent Order, the Respondent's license to act as a secondhand precious metal object dealer and pawnbroker shall be immediately and automatically suspended until such time as the required payment is made; and it is further

ORDERED, that this matter shall be resolved in accordance with the terms of this Consent Order, and that the same shall be reflected among the records of the Department; and it is further

ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall constitute a Final Decision and Order of the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor.

**SIGNATURE APPEARS  
ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**

  
LAURENCE SANDERS

6/9/2023  
Date

Respondent

**SIGNATURE APPEARS  
ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**

  
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6/29/23  
Date

Secretary

Maryland Department of Labor