

MARYLAND *
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR *
* CASE NO. SPMG-18-0008
v. *
MAHGOL KORDMAFI, *
Respondent *
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CONSENT ORDER AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This matter comes before the Maryland Department of Labor (“Department”) as a result of a referral from the Anne Arundel County Police Department. Upon review of the referral, the Department determined that administrative charges against Mahgol Kordmafi (“Respondent”) should be filed and an administrative hearing should be held. Prior to the filing of administrative charges, the Respondent and the Department agreed to enter into this Consent Order as final settlement of the case.

THE PARTIES AGREE AND STIPULATE:

1. The Respondent holds a secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers (“SPMG”) license with the Department (Reg. No. 01-2439).
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 December 15, 2017, an employee of the Respondent, Hossein Kordmafi (“Kordmafi”), conducted a Secondhand Precious Metal Object transaction at GB Jewelry, 513 Benforest Drive, Severna Park, Maryland 21146 with A.S., whose date of birth is February 25, 2000, and was a minor at the time of the transaction.
4. Kordmafi purchased a men’s size 11, 10K gold .20ct diamond ring from A.S. for \$60.00. A.S. presented a Maryland provisional driver’s license which conspicuously indicated that A.S. would be under the age of 18 until February 25, 2018. Kordmafi photocopied the driver’s license and noted the driver’s license number on the paper daily transaction report form.
5. On or about December 18, 2018, Kordmafi left a voicemail for Laura Dohoney (“Dohoney”) of the Anne Arundel County Police Pawn Unit in which Kordmafi advised

Dohoney that he was having trouble electronically reporting the transaction with the seller because the seller was under the age of 18 years.

6. Based on the aforementioned facts, the Respondent acknowledges that she has violated Business Regulation Article ("BR") §§ 12-209(a)(2)(viii) and 12-213, Ann. Code of Maryland, which provide, in pertinent part:

§ 12-209. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds; restraining order.

(a) (2) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-210 of this subtitle, the Secretary may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee or an agent, employee, manager, or partner of the applicant or licensee:

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(viii) violates this title;

§ 12-213. Transactions with minors prohibited.

A dealer may not acquire a precious metal object, or take any merchandise in a pawn transaction, from an individual who is a minor.

7. Based on the aforementioned violation, the Respondent agrees to the imposition of a reprimand against SPMG registration no. 01-2439.

8. The Respondent agrees to pay to the Department a civil penalty of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) upon the Respondent's execution of this Consent Order.

9. The Respondent agrees that she and all current employees shall undergo training by the Department pertaining to the Maryland Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act, applicable regulations, and the Department's guidelines within three (3) months of the date of this Consent Order. The Respondent shall provide a written certification to the Department stating that all employees have received the required training within seven (7) days of completion of the training.

10. The Respondent further agrees that she 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 future activities.

11. 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 proceeding before the Department to which the Respondent may be entitled in this matter, and any right to appeal from this Order.

12. The Respondent enters into this Consent Order freely, knowingly and voluntarily, and with the opportunity to seek advice of counsel.

13. 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 15th day of February, 2022~~3~~
by the Department of Labor:

ORDERED that the Respondent violated BR §§ 12-209(a)(2)(viii) and 12-213; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent be, and hereby is, **reprimanded**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent be assessed a civil penalty of \$200.00 for the violation, which is immediately payable to the Department upon the Respondent's execution of this Consent Order and Settlement Agreement; 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 SPMG license shall be immediately and automatically suspended until such time as the referenced payment is made; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent and all current employees shall undergo training by the Department pertaining to the Maryland Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act, applicable regulations, and the Department's guidelines within three (3) months of the date of this Consent Order and that the Respondent shall provide a written certification to the Department stating that all employees have received the required training within seven (7) days of completion of the training; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent or any current employee fails to undergo the required training, the Respondent's SPMG license shall be immediately and automatically suspended until such time as the referenced training is completed; 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 on File

TIFFANY W. ROBINSON
Secretary
Maryland Department of Labor

Read and Agreed:

Signature on File

MOHGAL KORMAFI
Respondent

10/6/2021
Date