

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
LICENSING AND REGULATION

*

*

v.

*

*

CASE NO.: SPMG-10-0082

JAN KOPPEL,

*

Respondent

,

*

*

*

*

*

*

*

*

*

*

*

*

*

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (“Department”) based on a complaint filed by the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office. Based on that complaint, the Department determined that administrative charges against Jan Koppel (“Respondent”) were appropriate and that an administrative hearing on those charges should be held. A hearing was scheduled at the Office of Administrative Hearings for July 27, 2010. However, prior to the hearing, the Department and the Respondent reached an agreement to settle this case. The Department and the Respondent consent to the entry of this Order as final resolution of the regulatory charges in Case No. SPMG-10-0082.

IT IS STIPULATED BY THAT PARTIES that:

1. The Respondent is currently licensed (No. 2224) as a secondhand precious metal object dealer (“dealer”), as defined in Section 12-101(b) of the Business Regulation Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, and was licensed in that capacity at all relevant times.
2. The name of the company through which the Respondent acquires secondhand precious metal objects is/has been Precious Metals Liquidators, Inc.

3. On November 21, 2009, the Respondent held an event in Frederick County, Maryland, at which he acquired secondhand precious metal objects (“object” or “objects”).

4. At that event, the Respondent and/or employees of Precious Metals Liquidators, Inc. completed transaction forms.

5. The Respondent and/or employees submitted those forms electronically to the local law enforcement unit (Frederick County Sheriff’s Office).

6. The forms for Transaction Nos. 18519 through and including 18545 were not submitted timely.

7. The Respondent knew, or should have known, of the requirements for the timely submission of transaction forms.

8. The Respondent agrees to submit to the Department a plan of training for his employees concerning the proper and timely completion of transaction forms and to implement a regular training program for this purpose.

9. By entering this Consent Order, the Respondent expressly waives his right to any hearing or further proceedings to which he may be entitled in this matter and any rights to appeal from the Consent Order.

10. The Respondent enters this Consent Order freely, knowingly, and voluntarily, and with the advice of counsel.

11. The Respondent agrees to comply with the requirements of Section 12-101 *et seq.* of the Business Regulation Article, Maryland Annotated Code, and the Code of Maryland Regulations 09.25.01.01 *et seq.* in future transactions.

BASED ON THESE STIPULATIONS, IT IS, THIS 24 day of Aug, 2010, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION,

ORDERED that Respondent Jan Koppel has violated Maryland Annotated Code, Business Regulations Article, §§12-304(a) and (b), and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$5,000.00 for those violations, which amount is payable to the Department within 30 days of the date this Consent Order is executed by the Department, and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall submit the plan referenced in Stipulation No. 8 to the Department within 30 days of the date this Consent Order is executed by the Department, and it is further

ORDERED that, if payment of the civil penalty is not made and/or the plan referenced in Stipulation No. 8 is not submitted within that 30-day period, the Respondent's license as a "dealer" shall be automatically suspended until that payment is made and/or the plan is submitted, and it is further

ORDERED that the Department's records and publications shall reflect the discipline imposed on the Respondent.

(RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER)
JAN KOPPEL

DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER
LEONARD J. HOWIE, III
DEPUTY SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING
& REGULATION

8/9/10
Date