

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
LICENSING AND REGULATION,

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CASE NO.: SPMG 11-0048

ALON GOZHANSKY  
dba Town Square Jewelers

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Respondent

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**CONSENT ORDER**

This matter comes before the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations (“Department”) as a result of a complaint filed by the Montgomery County Police Department. Upon a review of the complaint, the Department has determined that administrative charges against Alon Gozhansky (the “Respondent”) dba Town Square Jewelers (License No 01-2473), 100 Gibbs Street Unit E, Rockville, Maryland 20850 be filed and an administrative hearing should be held. In an effort to resolve this matter without a formal hearing, the Respondent and the Department have agreed to enter into this Consent Order as the final settlement of this matter.

THE PARTIES AGREE AND STIPULATE:

1. At all times relevant to the matters set forth this Consent Order, the Department had jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Respondent.

2. The Respondent ( License No 01-2473), holds secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers license with the Department dba Town Square Jewelers 100 Gibbs Street Unit E, Rockville, Maryland 20850, which was originally issued on March 31, 2011.

3. On March 9, 2011, Detective Mary Corsiatto of the Montgomery County Police Department conducted an undercover investigation of the Respondent’s business, Town Square Jewelers 100 Gibbs Street Unit E, Rockville, Maryland 20850. During the investigation, Detective Corsiatto sold secondhand precious metal objects to the Respondent.

4. On March 15, 2011, Detective Corsiatto returned to the Respondent's place of business, Town Square Jewelers 100 Gibbs Street Unit E, Rockville, Maryland 20850, and conducted another secondhand precious metal object transaction

5. Several minutes after the completion of the March 15, 2011 transaction, Detective Corsiatto and Detective Susan Mercer identified themselves as members of the Montgomery County Police Department to the Respondent. They advised the Respondent that that he was required to have a Secondhand Precious Metal Objects and Pawnbrokers License in order to acquire secondhand precious metal objects from the public.

6. During the March 9 and March 15, 2011 investigations Detective Corsiatto observed that the scale used by the Respondent in the transactions was not certified by the Maryland Department of Agriculture

7. Based on the aforementioned facts, the Respondent acknowledges that he has violated Business Regulation Articles §12-201, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Code of Maryland Regulations COMAR 09.25.02.02 which provide:

**“§ 12-201. License required.**

(a) *In general.*- Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall have a license before the individual does business as a dealer in the State.

(b) *Pawnbrokers.*- Except those pawnbrokers who are exempt from State licensing under § 12-102(c) of this title, all pawnbrokers must be licensed as dealers.

**COMAR 09.25.02.02 Registration Required.**

A. A licensed dealer shall register with the Department of Agriculture any weights and measures which are used in buying from, selling to, or trading commercially with the public, any secondhand precious metal object.

B. Registration with the Department of Agriculture shall be in accordance with Agriculture Article, 11-204.1-----11-204.7, Annotated Code of Maryland.

C. A licensed dealer shall display the registration conspicuously in the place of business of the licensee.

8. Based on the aforementioned violation, the Respondent agrees to pay to the Department a civil penalty of \$ 500.00 upon the Respondent's execution of this Consent Order.

9. The Respondent further agrees that he shall abide by the provisions of the Maryland Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act, § 12-101 et. seq. and COMAR 09.25.01, et. seq.

10. The Respondent, by entering into this Consent Order, expressly waives the right to have the pending allegations by the Department reduced to written charges, the right to an administrative hearing on the charges and the making of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and any all further proceeding before the Department to which the Respondent may be entitled to in this matter, and any rights to appeal from this Order.

11. The Respondent enters into this Consent Order freely, knowingly and voluntarily.

BASED ON THESE STIPULATIONS, IT IS, THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF May, 2011, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent has violated Business Regulation Article §12-201, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Code of Maryland Regulations, COMAR 09.25.02.02;

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is, hereby, reprimanded;

**ORDERED** that the Respondent be assessed a civil penalty of \$500.00 for the violation, which amount is to payable to the Department upon the Respondent's execution of this Consent Order and Settlement Agreement, and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Department's records and publications reflect the violation and the civil penalty of \$500.00 imposed on the Respondent.

RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE  
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER  
Alon Gozhansky

DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE  
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER  
Leonard J. Howie, III  
Deputy Secretary

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,  
LICENSING AND REGULATION

April 29, 2011  
Date