



**Department of
Cannabis Control**
CALIFORNIA

Gavin Newsom
Governor

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Director

December 18, 2025

VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Crescent Distribution Inc.
Scott Van Horn, Owner
1189 Pike Lane, Ste. 5
Oceano, CA 93445-9477
crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com

Scott Van Horn, Owner
Crescent Distribution Inc.
5063 North Van Ness Blvd.
Fresno, CA 93711
sjvanhorn@sbcglobal.net

Re: Crescent Distribution Inc. - Case No. DCC23-0001622-INV
Default Decision and Order

Dear Mr. Van Horn:

Pursuant to the Department of Cannabis Control's authority under Government Code section 11520, the Department finds Respondent Crescent Distribution Inc. in default, and therefore will proceed as described in the attached Default Decision and Order.

Be advised that Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), provides that Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated upon stating the ground relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision. Respondent may address any written motion to the Department via email at DCCDecisions@cannabis.ca.gov, or by post or courier to:

Department of Cannabis Control
Office of the General Counsel
2920 Kilgore Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The Department in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

Barring such a timely motion, the attached Default Decision and Order involving Crescent Distribution Inc., will become effective on January 19, 2026.

Sincerely,

Douglas Smurr
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Amended Citation Against:	Case No. DCC23-0001622-INV
12 CRESCENT DISTRIBUTION INC.;	OAH No. 2025050985
13 SCOTT JOHN VAN HORN, OWNER	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
14 1189 Pike Ln.	
15 Oceano, CA 93445-9477	
16 Cannabis Retailer Non-Storefront License	[Gov. Code, §11520]
17 No. C9-0000447-LIC	
18 Respondent.	

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26 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

27 1. On or about August 16, 2024, Complainant Evelyn Schaeffer, in her official capacity
28 as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis Control, filed
Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV against Crescent Distribution Inc. (Respondent) with Scott
John Van Horn as Owner (Owner) before the Department of Cannabis Control (Department). On
or about November 20, 2025, Complainant filed Amended Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV
against Respondent before the Department. A true and correct copy of Amended Citation
No. DCC23-0001622-INV is attached as Exhibit A.

2. On or about August 23, 2021, the Department issued Cannabis Retailer Non-
Storefront License No. C9-0000447-LIC to Respondent. The Cannabis Retailer Non-Storefront

1 License expired on August 23, 2024, and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Business and
2 Professions Code section 26031, subdivision (d), the expiration in licensure does not deprive the
3 Department of its authority to institute or continue this disciplinary proceeding.

4 3. On or about August 16, 2024, Respondent was served with Citation
5 No. DCC23-0001622-INV.

6 4. On or about August 26, 2024, Respondent served a request for formal hearing
7 contesting Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV.

8 5. On or about November 20, 2025, Respondent was served with Amended Citation
9 No. DCC23-0001622-INV, which was deemed controverted by Respondent's previous request
10 for formal hearing.

11 6. On, November 21, 2025, a Notice of Hearing was served by certified mail and by
12 first-class mail at Respondent's address of record which was and is: 1189 Pike Ln.,
13 Oceano, CA 93445-9477. The Notice of Hearing was also served by certified mail and by first-
14 class mail at Respondent's address with the California Secretary of State which is 5063 North
15 Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, CA 93711. The Notice of Hearing informed Respondent that an
16 administrative hearing in this matter was scheduled for December 9, 2025.

17 7. Service of the Citation, and of the Amended Citation, was effective as a matter of law
18 under the provisions of Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and Professions
19 Code section 124.

20 8. On December 9, 2025, the matter was called for hearing at the time and location set
21 forth in the Notice of Hearing. The assigned Administrative Law Judge found that the service of
22 the Notice of Hearing on Respondent was proper. There was no appearance by, or on behalf of,
23 Respondent. A default was declared and on motion of counsel for Complainant, the matter was
24 remanded to the Department under Government Code section 11520.

25 9. Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

26 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent
27 files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all
28 parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense
. . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its
discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

10. California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:

(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent

11. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Department finds Respondent is in default. The Department will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter, finds that the charges and allegations in Amended Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

12. The Department finds that the actual costs for Investigation and Enforcement are \$9,070.25 as of December 3, 2025.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Crescent Distribution Inc with Scott John Van Horn, Owner has subjected its Cannabis Retailer Non-Storefront License No. C9-0000447-LIC to the citation and fine set forth in Amended Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV.

2. Service of Amended Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV and related documents were proper and in accordance with the law.

3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Cannabis Retailer Non-Storefront License No. C9-0000447-LIC, issued to Respondent Crescent Distribution Inc, is cited and fined \$12,250.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on January 19, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED, December 18, 2025.



Douglas Smurr
Assistant General Counsel
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

Default Decision and Order - LIC.docx
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Attachment:
Exhibit A: Amended Citation

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Amended Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV



AMENDED CITATION and FINE
Business and Professions Code, § 26031.5
California Code of Regulations, Title 4, §§ 17802-17804

Citation Number: DCC22-0001622-INV

Date Issued	November 20, 2025
Issued To	Crescent Distribution Inc.
Address of Service	5063 North Van Ness Blvd, Fresno, CA 93711
Date and Method of Service	November 26, 2025, Certified Mail and Email
License Number	C9-0000447-LIC

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3. Business and Professions Code section 26070; California Code of Regulations, title 4, section §15415, subdivision (f)	October 4, 2023	\$250	\$250
4. Business and Professions Code section 26067; California Code of Regulations, title 4, section §15049.3, subdivision (c)	October 4, 2023	\$1,000	\$1,000
5. Business and Professions Code section 26030; California Code of Regulations, title 4, section §17801, subdivision (d)	November 16, 2023	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total of all Combined Violations			\$12,250

Violation 1. Failure to Comply with Video Surveillance Requirements

CCR, title 4, section 15044, subdivision (h) requires that surveillance recordings shall be kept for a minimum of 90 calendar days. CCR, title 4, section 15044, subdivision (i) states that surveillance recordings are subject to inspection by the Department and shall be kept in a manner that allows the Department to view and obtain copies of the recordings at the licensed premises immediately upon request. The licensee shall also send or otherwise provide copies of the recordings to the Department upon request within the time specified by the Department.

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CCR, title 4, section 15415, subdivision (f) requires that a delivery employee of a licensed retailer shall, during deliveries, carry a copy of the retailer's current license, a copy of the QR Code Certificate issued by the Department, which complies with section 15039, subsection (d), the employee's government-issued identification, and an identification badge provided by the employer pursuant to section 15043. A delivery employee shall provide a copy of the retail license, a copy of the QR Code Certificate, and their employee identification badge to a delivery customer upon request.

Violation 4. Failure to Comply with Delivery Track and Trace Requirements

CCR, title 4, section 15049.3, subdivision (c) requires that for each delivery of cannabis goods, the following information shall be recorded within the track and trace system by the end of the calendar day on which the delivery was completed: (1) The date and time the delivery was completed. A delivery is completed at the time the cannabis goods are physically provided to the customer. (2) Whether the customer is an adult-use customer, medicinal cannabis patient, or patient's primary caregiver. (3) The UID and quantity of each cannabis good delivered. (4) The purchase price of each cannabis good delivered. (5) The city, county, and zip code in which the delivery was

On October 4th, 2023, a field inspection took place at the licensed premises of Crescent Distribution Inc. After reviewing the Delivery Inventory Ledgers in the licensee's Track and Trace system, it was determined that the ledgers were not being completed with all the necessary information as required. On October 17th, 2023, a Notice to Comply was issued to Crescent Distribution Inc. requiring the licensee to correct the violation. The Notice to Comply was served to the licensee by Certified Mail and by email, and due back to the Department on November 16th, 2023. The licensee failed to respond to the Notice to Comply or provide evidence of the correction. As a result, the licensee violated the requirements of BPC section 26067 and CCR, title 4, section 15049.3 subdivision (c).

Violation 5. Failure to Comply with Notice to Comply Requirements

CCR, title 4, section 17801, subdivision (d) states that the licensee shall sign and return the Notice to Comply and describe how compliance was achieved within 30 calendar days after the date of personal service or the date of emailing or mailing of the notice or a different date specified by the Department. The Department may also require the licensee to provide a plan for review and approval by the Department on a case-by-case basis.

On October 17th, 2023, the Department issued a Notice to Comply to Crescent Distribution Inc. for violations observed during a field inspection on October 4th, 2023. The Notice to Comply was served to the licensee by Certified Mail and by email, and due back to the Department on November 16, 2023. On December 26th, 2023, the Department emailed Crescent Distribution Inc. a Letter of Warning advising them to respond to the Notice to Comply. Crescent Distribution Inc. responded to the email advising that the company went out of business on October 31st, 2023, when they vacated their leased unit, and did not submit the Notice to Comply. As a result, the Licensee failed to comply with the Department's October 17th, 2023, Notice to Comply and violated the requirements of BPC section 26030 and CCR, title 4, section 17801 subdivision (d).

Date: November 20, 2025

By: Daniel Briot
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Daniel Briot
Assistant Branch Chief
Compliance Division
Department of Cannabis Control

APPEALING THE CITATION

To appeal the citation, you may request an informal conference with the Department, or request a formal hearing to contest the citation before an Administrative Law Judge, or both. Requests must be submitted in writing in accordance with the timeframes specified below or the right to a hearing is waived. If a hearing is not requested, payment of a fine will not constitute an admission of the violation charged.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

You may request an informal conference with the Department regarding the acts or omissions found in the citation in accordance with CCR, title 4, section 17803. During an informal conference, you may present evidence supporting an adjustment to the citation and/or fine(s). The Department may affirm, modify, or dismiss the citation, including any fines assessed or orders of abatement issued. The informal conference may also resolve any matters relating to the citation through a settlement agreement.

To request an informal conference, your request must be in writing and submitted to the Department at **DCCcitations@cannabis.ca.gov**, within 15 calendar days from service of this citation. The informal conference may be conducted by telephone, through a virtual platform, or in person, at the Department's Headquarters, located at 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, California 95670. The



informal conference will be held within 15 calendar days from receipt of the written request by the Department.

Requesting an informal conference does not stay or toll the running of the 30-day period for you to request a formal hearing to contest the citation before an Administrative Law Judge. You should request an informal conference as soon as possible if you would like to allow time to hold the conference prior to the deadline for contesting the citation as the time to contest a citation does not stop if you request an informal conference.

At the conclusion of the informal conference, a written decision stating the reasons for the decision will be mailed to you within 15 calendar days from the date of the informal conference, which shall be deemed a final order. If the citation is dismissed, any request for a formal hearing shall be deemed withdrawn. If the citation is affirmed or modified, you may either withdraw the request for a formal hearing or proceed with the hearing. If the citation is modified, the original citation shall be considered withdrawn and a new citation issued. A request for a formal hearing on the new citation must be submitted to the Department in writing within 30 calendar days of issuance of the new citation.

CONTESTING THE CITATION

You have a right to contest the finding of a violation before an Administrative Law Judge by requesting a formal hearing. To request a formal hearing, your request must be in writing and submitted to the Department within 30 calendar days from service of the citation. If a request is not received by the Department within 30 calendar days, the right to a hearing is waived, and the citation becomes final and not subject to review by any court. The hearing shall be held pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). Written requests for a hearing to contest the finding of a violation must be emailed to appeals@cannabis.ca.gov or submitted in hard copy by mail or delivery to:

U.S. Postal Service	FedEx or USPS
Department of Cannabis Control Legal Affairs Division PO Box 419106 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741	Department of Cannabis Control Legal Affairs Division 2920 Kilgore Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE ASSESSED

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.5, the Department may assess a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation by a licensee or thirty thousand dollars

(\$30,000) per violation by an unlicensed person. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

The full amount of the fine must be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this citation, unless the citation is contested. To ensure the payment is credited, indicate on your payment the case number provided at the top of this citation. Payment made by check, money order or cashier's check may be made payable to "DCC" or "California Department of Cannabis Control." Payment shall be made by one of the following methods:

In person: at one of our office locations with exact cash, cashier's check, money order, or a personal or business check

- To schedule an in-person payment appointment, email us:
payments@cannabis.ca.gov
- Or call us at: 1-844-61-CA-DCC (1-844-612-2322)

By mail: cashier's check, money order, personal or business check

- U.S. Postal Service: ATTN: Payments, PO Box 419106, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
- FedEx or UPS: ATTN: Payments, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Failure to pay the full amount of the administrative fine within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the citation, unless you appeal the citation, is a separate violation and may result in additional action by the Department. Licenses shall not be renewed or granted if fines are not paid and unpaid fines will be added to license renewal fees.

----- **Return Payment Slip** -----

Citation #: DCC23-0001622-INV

License #: C9-0000447-LIC

Business Name: Crescent Distribution Inc.

Due Date: 30 days from Date Served

Amount Due: \$12,250

Date of Service: November 26, 2025



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Respondent.

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**DEFAULT DECISION INVESTIGATORY
EVIDENCE PACKET**

[Gov. Code §11520]

The Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in support of the Default Decision and Order in the above-entitled matter consists of the following.

Exhibit 1: Pleadings offered for jurisdictional purposes: Amended Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV, notice of hearing with proof of service;

Exhibit 2: Copy of Cannabis Retailer Non-Storefront License No. C9-0000447-LIC;

Exhibit 3: Office of Administrative Hearings Findings and Declaration of Default; Order of Remand;

Exhibit 4: Certification of Costs by Department for Investigation and Enforcement in Case No. DCC23-0001622-INV dated December 3, 2025;

Exhibit 5: Certification of Costs by Attorney General's Office; and

Exhibit 6: Investigative Report (without attachments), case number DCC23-0001622-INV.

Dated: December 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BONTA
Attorney General of California
GREGORY M. CRIBBS
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Matthew S. Beasley

MATTHEW S. BEASLEY
Deputy Attorney General
Attorneys for Complainant

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Notice of Hearing with proofs of service



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Date: November 20, 2025

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At the conclusion of the informal conference, a written decision stating the reasons for the decision will be mailed to you within 15 calendar days from the date of the informal conference, which shall be deemed a final order. If the citation is dismissed, any request for a formal hearing shall be deemed withdrawn. If the citation is affirmed or modified, you may either withdraw the request for a formal hearing or proceed with the hearing. If the citation is modified, the original citation shall be considered withdrawn and a new citation issued. A request for a formal hearing on the new citation must be submitted to the Department in writing within 30 calendar days of issuance of the new citation.

CONTESTING THE CITATION

You have a right to contest the finding of a violation before an Administrative Law Judge by requesting a formal hearing. To request a formal hearing, your request must be in writing and submitted to the Department within 30 calendar days from service of the citation. If a request is not received by the Department within 30 calendar days, the right to a hearing is waived, and the citation becomes final and not subject to review by any court. The hearing shall be held pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). Written requests for a hearing to contest the finding of a violation must be emailed to appeals@cannabis.ca.gov or submitted in hard copy by mail or delivery to:

U.S. Postal Service	FedEx or USPS
Department of Cannabis Control Legal Affairs Division PO Box 419106 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741	Department of Cannabis Control Legal Affairs Division 2920 Kilgore Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE ASSESSED

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.5, the Department may assess a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation by a licensee or thirty thousand dollars

(\$30,000) per violation by an unlicensed person. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

The full amount of the fine must be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this citation, unless the citation is contested. To ensure the payment is credited, indicate on your payment the case number provided at the top of this citation. Payment made by check, money order or cashier's check may be made payable to "DCC" or "California Department of Cannabis Control." Payment shall be made by one of the following methods:

In person: at one of our office locations with exact cash, cashier's check, money order, or a personal or business check

- To schedule an in-person payment appointment, email us:
payments@cannabis.ca.gov
- Or call us at: 1-844-61-CA-DCC (1-844-612-2322)

By mail: cashier's check, money order, personal or business check

- U.S. Postal Service: ATTN: Payments, PO Box 419106, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
- FedEx or UPS: ATTN: Payments, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Failure to pay the full amount of the administrative fine within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the citation, unless you appeal the citation, is a separate violation and may result in additional action by the Department. Licenses shall not be renewed or granted if fines are not paid and unpaid fines will be added to license renewal fees.

----- **Return Payment Slip** -----

Citation #: DCC23-0001622-INV

License #: C9-0000447-LIC

Business Name: Crescent Distribution Inc.

Due Date: 30 days from Date Served

Amount Due: \$12,250

Date of Service: November 26, 2025



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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Amended Citation Against: Case No. DCC23-0001622-INV

12 **CRESCENT DISTRIBUTION INC.;**
13 **SCOTT JOHN VAN HORN, OWNER**

14 Respondent.

OAH No. 2025050985

15 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

[Gov. Code, § 11509]

Hearing: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Place: **VIRTUAL HEARING**

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18 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a virtual hearing in this matter will commence on
19 **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

20 The hearing will be conducted before the Department of Cannabis Control by an
21 Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, upon the charges made in
22 Citation No. DCC23-0001622-INV served upon you.

23 **THE HEARING IN THIS MATTER IS SET FOR A TELEPHONIC OR VIDEO**
24 **HEARING BY ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.**
25 **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THIS HEARING HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE**
26 **ISSUED PRIOR TO THE HEARING.**

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1 Pursuant to Government Code section 11508, subdivision (c), any party requesting to
2 change the location of the hearing from virtual to in person, must file a motion directly with the
3 Office of Administrative Hearings, with a proof of service on the opposing party, within 10 days
4 of service of the Notice of Hearing.

5 You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at
6 your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at
7 public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. You may present
8 any relevant evidence, and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying
9 against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses
10 and the production of books, documents, or other things by applying to the Office of
11 Administrative Hearings, 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 630, Los Angeles, CA 90013, telephone:
12 (213) 576-7200.

13 COST RECOVERY: The Board reserves the right to supplement its cost declaration.

14 INTERPRETER: Pursuant to section 11435.20 of the Government Code, the hearing shall
15 be conducted in the English language. If a party or a party's witness does not proficiently speak
16 or understand the English language and before commencement of the hearing requests language
17 assistance, an agency subject to the language assistance requirement in section 11435.15 of the
18 Government Code shall provide a certified interpreter or an interpreter approved by the
19 administrative law judge conducting the proceedings. The cost of providing the interpreter shall
20 be paid by the agency having jurisdiction over the matter if the administrative law judge or
21 hearing officer so directs, otherwise by the party for whom the interpreter is provided. If you or a
22 witness requires the assistance of an interpreter, ample advance notice of this fact should be given
23 to the Office of Administrative Hearings so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

24 CONTINUANCES: Under section 11524 of the Government Code, the agency may grant a
25 continuance, but when an administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings has
26 been assigned to the hearing, no continuance may be granted except by him or her or by the
27 presiding Administrative Law Judge for good cause. When seeking a continuance, a party shall
28 apply for the continuance within ten (10) working days following the time the party discovered or

1 reasonably should have discovered the event or occurrence which establishes good cause for the
2 continuance. A continuance may be granted for good cause after the ten (10) working days have
3 lapsed only if the party seeking the continuance is not responsible for and has made a good faith
4 effort to prevent the condition or event establishing the good cause.

5 Continuances are not favored. If you need a continuance, immediately write or call the
6 Office of Administrative Hearings: 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 630, Los Angeles, CA 90013,
7 telephone: (213) 576-7200.

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10 Dated: November 21, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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12 Attorney General of California
13 GREGORY M. CRIBBS
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

14 *Matthew S. Beasley*

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

(Separate Mailings)

Case Name: **In the Matter of the Amended Citation against Crescent Distribution, Inc.**

OAH No.: **2025050985**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service with postage thereon fully prepaid that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On **November 21, 2025**, I served the attached **NOTICE OF HEARING** by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with return receipt requested, and another true copy of the **NOTICE OF HEARING** was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as first class mail in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230, addressed as follows:

Crescent Distribution Inc.
Scott John Van Horn
1189 Pike Ln.
Oceano, CA 93445-9477
Respondent

Certified Article Number

9414 7266 9904 2247 7499 69

SENDER'S RECORD

Crescent Distribution Inc.
Scott John Van Horn
5063 North Van Ness Blvd.
Fresno, CA 93711
Respondent

Certified Article Number

9414 7266 9904 2247 7499 52

SENDER'S RECORD

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on **November 21, 2025**, at Los Angeles, California.

L. Zamora
Declarant

L. Zamora
Signature

Exhibit 2

Copy of License



Department of
Cannabis Control
CALIFORNIA

Department of Cannabis Control
licensing@cannabis.ca.gov, www.cannabis.ca.gov

Cannabis Retailer Nonstorefront License Adult-Use and Medicinal

Business Name:
CRESCENT DISTRIBUTION INC

Crescent Distribution Inc

License Number: C9-0000447-LIC
License Type: Provisional Retailer Nonstorefront
(Delivery)

The license authorizes CRESCENT DISTRIBUTION INC to engage in commercial cannabis Retail Nonstorefront (Delivery) at the premises address listed above until the expiration date of this license. This license issued is pursuant to Division 10 of the California Business and Professional Code and is not transferable to any other person or premises location. This license shall always be displayed in a prominent place at the licensed premises. This license shall be subject to suspension or revocation if the licensee is determined to be in violation of Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code or regulations adopted thereunder.

Premises Address:
1189 PIKE LN
OCEANO, CA 93445-9477

Valid: 8/23/2021
Expires: 8/23/2024

Scan to verify this
license.



Non-Transferable

Post in Public View

Scan to verify this license.



Valid:

8/23/2021

Expires:

8/23/2024

License No:

C9-0000447-LIC

Legal Business Name:

CRESCENT DISTRIBUTION INC

Crescent Distribution Inc

Premises Address:

1189 PIKE LN

OCEANO, CA 93445-9477

1. Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code for licensing information.
2. If your camera doesn't have scanning functionality, you can look up a location at **CApotcheck.com** using license number C9-0000447-LIC.



Department of
Cannabis Control
CALIFORNIA

Exhibit 3

OAH Remand Order



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

For more information visit

www.dgs.ca.gov/oah**FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF DEFAULT; ORDER OF REMAND**

(Gov. Code § 11520)

Case Name Amended Citation Against Crescent Distribution, Inc.		OAH Case Number 2025050985
Name of Agency Department of Cannabis Control		Agency Case Number DCC23-001622-INV
Agency Attorney Matthew Beasley	Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner Crescent Distribution, Inc.	Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner Attorney None

FINDINGS

A Notice of Hearing dated 5/27/2025 was served on Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner on 5/27/2025.

The Notice of Hearing was served on Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner by (method of service)

☒ Certified Mail ☐ Regular US Mail ☒ Other Email

at (address of service)

☐ The address provided by Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner in the Notice of Defense

☒ The address maintained by the Agency as the Address of Record for Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner

☐ Other address provided by Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner

The Notice of Hearing provided notice that a hearing would take place on (date) 12/9/2025 at (time) 9:00 a.m. at (location):

<input type="checkbox"/> SACRAMENTO 2349 GATEWAY OAKS DR., SUITE 200 SACRAMENTO, CA 95833 Phone 916-263-0550	<input type="checkbox"/> OAKLAND 1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 206 OAKLAND, CA 94612 Phone 510-622-2722
<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES 320 WEST FOURTH STREET, SUITE 630 LOS ANGELES, CA 90013 Phone 213-576-7200	<input type="checkbox"/> SAN DIEGO EMERALD PLAZA 402 WEST BROADWAY, SUITE 600 SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 Phone 619-525-4475

OTHER LOCATION: Videoconference

The matter was called for hearing at the date, time and location set forth in the Notice of Hearing. Counsel for the Agency appeared for hearing. Service of the Notice of Hearing was proper.

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner. At (time) 9:32 a.m. a default was declared.

Agency counsel has moved for remand of the matter for Agency action under Government Code section 11520.

ORDER OF REMAND

Based upon Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner's failure to appear at the hearing, the Agency's motion is granted. This matter is remanded to the Agency under Government Code section 11520.

DATED: 12/9/2025	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE (Print): Harden Sooper	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE (Signature): <i>Harden Sooper</i>
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Exhibit 4

Agency Costs Certification

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**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Citation Against:

CRESCENT DISTRIBUTION INC.;

**SCOTT JOHN VAN HORN, OWNER
1189 Pike Ln
Oceano, CA 93445**

**Cannabis – Non-Storefront Retailer License
No. C9-0000447-LIC**

Respondent.

Case No. DCC23-0001622-INV

**DECLARATION OF MASON
SPERAKOS REGARDING
INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY**

I, Mason Sperakos, declare and certify as follows:

1. I am employed as a Special Investigator (SI) within the Investigative Services Branch (ISB) of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis Control (Department).

2. I have been designated as the Department representative to certify the costs of investigation in this case pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.1. I make this certification in my official capacity as an SI and as a public employee pursuant to Evidence Code section 664.

3. The following list of SIs were assigned to the investigation of this case, which was opened by the Department's Compliance Division on or about September 27, 2023: Samantha Lehnhoff and Mason Sperakos.

4. In my official capacity as an SI, I review the costs incurred by the Department's ISB in the enforcement of the laws and regulations under its jurisdiction and certify that these costs were incurred by the Department. I am familiar with the time recording practices of the Department's Compliance Division for the reasonable and necessary investigative work performed on a particular case. It is the duty of SIs to record the time spent on all investigative

activities at or near the time the activities are performed.

5. The investigative activity summary Crescent Distribution Certification of Cost Recovery includes the details of tasks performed by Special Investigators. The costs related to investigative activity include field time, research and report writing, meetings, and use of state vehicles. I hereby certify that the Crescent Distribution Certification of Cost Recovery, attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a true and correct copy of the investigative activity for this case. The investigative activity summary encompasses the total hours spent by the Department's ISB through November 14, 2025. The investigative activity summary does not include tasks performed after this date.

6. I certify pursuant to the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 26031.1 that to the best of my knowledge the costs of investigative services set forth in this declaration are correct and were necessarily incurred in this case. The total hours of investigative activity and rates applicable to the above-entitled case are as follows:

a) Special Investigator Field Time:

Rate per hour: \$101.00 multiplied by 3 hours = \$303.00

b) Research and Report Writing:

Rate per hour: \$101.00 multiplied by 20 hours = \$2,020.00

c) Meetings:

Rate per hour: \$101.00 multiplied by 1 hour = \$101.00

d) Use of State Vehicles:

2 vehicles at \$.625 per mile multiplied by 200 miles = \$ 125.00

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed in Santa Barbara County on November 20, 2025.

Mason
Sperakos

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Sperakos
Date: 2025.11.20 09:30:49
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Mason Sperakos
Declarant

Exhibit 5

Attorney General's Office Costs Certification

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9 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

10 In the Matter of the Appeal of the Citation
11 Against:

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13 **CRESCENT DISTRIBUTION INC.;**

14
15 Respondent.

Case No. DCC23-0001622-INV

OAH No. 2025050985

**CERTIFICATION OF
PROSECUTION COSTS:
DECLARATION OF MATTHEW S.
BEASLEY**

[Business and Professions Code section
26031.1]

1 I, MATTHEW S. BEASLEY, hereby declare and certify as follows:

2 1. I am a Deputy Attorney General employed by the California Department of Justice
3 (DOJ), Office of the Attorney General (Office). I am assigned to the Cannabis Control Section in
4 the Civil Division of the Office. I have been designated as the representative to certify the costs
5 of prosecution by DOJ and incurred by the Department of Cannabis Control in this case. I make
6 this certification in my official capacity and as an officer of the court and as a public employee
7 pursuant to Evidence Code section 664.

8 2. I represent the Complainant, Evelyn Schaeffer, Deputy Director of the Compliance
9 Division of the Department of Cannabis Control, in this action. I was assigned to handle this case
10 on or about March 14, 2025.

11 3. Our Office's computerized case management system reflects that the following
12 persons have also performed tasks related to this matter: Harinder K. Kapur, Senior Assistant
13 Attorney General; and Helen Koh, Paralegal.

14 4. I am familiar with the time recording and billing practices of DOJ and the procedure
15 for charging the client agency for the reasonable and necessary work performed on a particular
16 case. It is the duty of the time keeping employees to keep track of the time spent and to report
17 that time in DOJ's computerized case management system at or near the time of the tasks
18 performed.

19 5. On December 4, 2025, I requested a billing summary for this case from the
20 Accounting Department of the DOJ. In response, on December 4, 2025, I received a document
21 entitled "Matter Time Activity by Professional Type." I hereby certify that the Matter Time
22 Activity by Professional Type, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and herein incorporated by
23 reference, is a true and correct copy of the billing summary for this matter that I received from the
24 Accounting Department. The summary includes the billing costs incurred by me, as well as other
25 professionals of the DOJ who worked on the matter; and sets forth the tasks undertaken, the
26 amount of time billed for the activity, and the billing rate by professional type. The billing
27 summary is comprehensive of the charges by the Office to the Department of Cannabis Control
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1 through December 3, 2025. It does not include billing for tasks performed after December 3,
2 2025, up to the date of hearing.

3 6. Based upon the time reported through December 3, 2025, as set forth in Exhibit A,
4 DOJ has billed the Department of Cannabis Control \$6,521.25 for the time spent working on the
5 above-entitled case.

6 7. To the best of my knowledge the items of cost set forth in this certification are correct
7 and were necessarily incurred in this case.

8 I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
9 is true and correct.

10 Executed on December 4, 2025.

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12 */s/ Matthew S. Beasley*

13 MATTHEW S. BEASLEY
14 Deputy Attorney General
15 Declarant

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Exhibit A



Matter Time Activity By Professional Type

As of Dec 4, 2025

Matter ID: SA2025800885					Date Opened: 03/14/2025				
Description: Crescent Distribution Inc (CIT)									
Professional Type: Attorney									
Fiscal Year: 2025									
Professional: Harinder K. Kapur									
Trans #	Date	Section	Client	Task	Hours Worked	Rate	Amount	Adj ?	Statement Date
803349029	11/14/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
803350720	11/17/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
Harinder K. Kapur Totals:					0.50		\$114.00		
Professional: Matthew S. Beasley									
605690000	7/11/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Discovery	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		7/31/25
605694741	7/14/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Discovery	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		7/31/25
605842214	10/9/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		10/31/25
605844571	10/10/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		10/31/25
605850428	10/14/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		10/31/25
605850429	10/14/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		10/31/25
605851254	10/15/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		10/31/25
605870690	10/23/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		10/31/25
605873976	10/28/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Witness-Related Preparation	1.25	\$228.00	\$285.00		10/31/25
605875356	10/29/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		10/31/25
605877839	10/29/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		10/31/25
605879926	10/30/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		10/31/25
605887176	11/3/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
605894408	11/6/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
605894409	11/6/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Witness-Related Preparation	1.50	\$228.00	\$342.00		
605899732	11/7/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		
605903654	11/13/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
605908259	11/14/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
605910840	11/17/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		
605913494	11/18/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Document Analysis	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
605917019	11/20/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		



Matter Time Activity By Professional Type

As of Dec 4, 2025

Trans #	Date	Section	Client	Task	Hours Worked	Rate	Amount	Adj ?	Statement Date
605917021	11/20/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
605922987	11/25/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
605924390	11/25/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
605933160	12/1/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
605933162	12/1/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Evidentiary Preparation - Other	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		
605935239	12/2/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Witness-Related Preparation	1.75	\$228.00	\$399.00		
605936402	12/3/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Witness-Related Preparation	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		
Matthew S. Beasley Totals:					15.25		\$3,477.00		
2025 Totals:					15.75		\$3,591.00		
Fiscal Year: 2024									
Professional: Matthew S. Beasley									
605491790	3/14/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Evaluation/Assessment	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		3/31/25
605494699	3/17/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		3/31/25
605496113	3/17/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		3/31/25
605513949	3/27/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		3/31/25
605545492	4/17/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		4/30/25
605558352	4/24/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		4/30/25
605574648	5/2/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605591453	5/13/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Document Analysis	1.25	\$228.00	\$285.00		5/31/25
605592255	5/14/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605597987	5/15/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Document Analysis	1.25	\$228.00	\$285.00		5/31/25
605597988	5/15/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605600693	5/19/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605600722	5/19/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Document Analysis	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		5/31/25
605601514	5/20/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		5/31/25
605603597	5/21/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605604908	5/22/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605606346	5/22/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Document Analysis	1.25	\$228.00	\$285.00		5/31/25
605606987	5/23/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605610986	5/27/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25



Matter Time Activity By Professional Type

As of Dec 4, 2025

Trans #	Date	Section	Client	Task	Hours Worked	Rate	Amount	Adj ?	Statement Date
605613088	5/27/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Document Analysis	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605613105	5/28/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605620269	5/30/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		5/31/25
605624225	6/2/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		6/30/25
605670675	6/27/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Discovery	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		6/30/25
605672624	6/30/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		6/30/25
Matthew S. Beasley Totals:					10.75		\$2,451.00		
2024 Totals:					10.75		\$2,451.00		
Attorney Totals:					26.50		\$6,042.00		



Matter Time Activity By Professional Type

As of Dec 4, 2025

Matter ID: SA2025800885					Date Opened: 03/14/2025				
Description: Crescent Distribution Inc (CIT)									
Professional Type: Paralegal									
Fiscal Year: 2024									
Professional: Helen Koh									
Trans #	Date	Section	Client	Task	Hours Worked	Rate	Amount	Adj ?	Statement Date
803072515	3/14/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	1.25	\$213.00	\$266.25		3/31/25
803091318	4/1/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		4/30/25
803136025	5/13/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		5/31/25
803141387	5/19/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		5/31/25
803142146	5/19/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		5/31/25
Helen Koh Totals:					2.25		\$479.25		
2024 Totals:					2.25		\$479.25		
Paralegal Totals:					2.25		\$479.25		
SA2025800885 Totals:					28.75		\$6,521.25		

Exhibit 6

Investigative Report (without attachments)



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CASE INFORMATION

Case Number DCC23-0001622-INV	Date Received September 27th, 2023
License Number C9-0000447-LIC	Legal Business Name of Licensee or Unlicensed Party Crescent Distribution Inc.
DBA N/A	Premises Address 1189 Pike Ln, Suite 5, Oceano, CA 93445
Business Phone Number (844) 427-3723	Author's Name Special Investigator Samantha Lehnhoff
Date of Incident October 4th, 2023	Location of Incident 1189 Pike Ln, Suite 5, Oceano, CA 93445

DESIGNATED RESPONSIBLE PARTY (OWNER) OR UNLICENSED PERSON(S)

Name (First, Middle, Last) Scott John Van Horn	Title Owner Applicant / Primary Contact
Address (include street, city, state, and zip code) 5063 North Van Ness Blvd, Fresno, CA 93711	
E-mail Address crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com & sjvanhorn@sbcglobal.net	Phone Number (559) 213-1331
Miscellaneous Information	

SUMMARY

On October 4th, 2023, I, Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) Special Investigator (SI) Samantha Lehnhoff, assisted with an announced inspection of Crescent Distribution Inc., (C9-0000447-LIC) at the request of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office (SLOSO) Cannabis Compliance Team. After the inspection, the licensee failed to respond to the issued Notice to Comply (NTC) within 30 days, in violation of §17801(d).

On December 7th, 2023, I received photographs from Resource Protection Specialist III Sarah Anderson with the SLOSO's Cannabis Compliance Team (Anderson) via email providing evidence that the licensed premises has been vacated without any coinciding manifests within the Track and Trace system, in violation of §15000.7(a) and §15049.2(a).

On December 26th, 2023, I issued a Letter of Warning to Crescent Distribution Inc., giving them 10 days to respond to questions regarding the status of their active retail license. Crescent Distribution Inc. failed to respond to the associated questions within the given time frame.



BACKGROUND

On September 27th, 2023, I received a call from Anderson. She advised that she was having issues with Crescent Distribution Inc. failing to comply with properly applying package tags to cannabis products, per §15048.5(c). She advised that she believed all the product was legally obtained but that the licensee, Scott John Van Horn, refuses to comply or doesn't understand the regulatory requirement. We planned a joint inspection of the licensed premises on October 4th, 2023.

CASE NARRATIVE

On October 4th, 2023, at approximately 12:00 pm, I, Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) Special Investigator (SI) Samantha Lehnhoff, conducted a field inspection of Crescent Distribution Inc. (licensee) (C9-0000447-LIC) located at 1189 Pike Ln, Suite 5, Oceano, CA. Crescent Distribution Inc. is a Non-storefront Cannabis Retail Dispensary with an active license that expires on August 23rd, 2024. Also present were SLOSO's Cannabis Compliance Team staff Anderson and Detective Michael DeRose, and DCC SI Mason Sperakos (Sperakos). On site, we met with the Owner Applicant, Scott John Van Horn (Van Horn). This inspection was set up by Anderson via a phone call with Van Horn.

We inspected the licensed premises with Van Horn and discovered four (4) violations. Van Horn was unable to provide surveillance recordings at the time of inspection, in violation of §15044(i). Van Horn did not provide evidence of 90 days of surveillance video storage, in violation of §15044(h). Van Horn was unable to login to his surveillance system at the time of inspection. Cannabis and cannabis products stored in a container did not have the package tag affixed to each container or labeled with applicable UID numbers, in violation of §15048.5(c). I explained the package tag expectation to Van Horn who advised that he understood. The copy of Crescent Distribution Inc.'s retailer license that is required to be in the delivery vehicle during deliveries expired on August 23rd, 2023, in violation of §15415(f). (**Attachment A**) I did not discuss the expired retailer's license at that time with the licensee, as it was noticed by my partner, Sperakos, who advised me after initially finding the violation. We concluded the inspection and left the licensed premises at approximately 1:30 pm.

On October 5th, 2023, I conducted a search of Crescent Distribution Inc.'s METRC account, noting that their Retail Delivery Ledgers appeared incomplete. I contacted the Department's subject matter experts, the California Cannabis Track and Trace (CCTT) Team, and requested they evaluate Crescent Distribution Inc.'s Retail Delivery Ledgers. CCTT advised via email (**Attachment B**) that after reviewing Crescent Distribution Inc.'s METRC account, they are not properly completing the ledgers, as required by §15049.3(c). I added §15049.3(c) to the Notice to Comply (NTC), requiring them to complete Retail Delivery Ledgers.

On October 17th, 2023, I issued an NTC to Crescent Distribution Inc. (**Attachment C**) The NTC was served to the licensee by Certified Mail at 5063 North Van Ness Blvd, Fresno, CA 93711 by DCC Analyst Ian Halligan (**Attachment D**) and sent by email to crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com by me on October 17th, 2023. (**Attachment E**)



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I reviewed the contact address, email address, and phone number provided by the licensee and listed in Crescent Distribution Inc.'s Accela licensing file and observed that the mailing address listed for Owner Applicant and Primary Contact, Van Horn, is 5063 North Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, CA 93711 and the provided email address is crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com. I observed that the primary phone number listed for Van Horn is (559) 213-1331. **(Attachment F)**

I then reviewed the email address to which the NTC email was sent and confirmed that it was emailed to crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com. I also reviewed the mailing address to which the NTC was mailed Certified Mail and confirmed it was mailed to 5063 North Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, CA 93711.

On November 14th, 2023, I emailed Van Horn at crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com inquiring if he needed any assistance with the NTC or completing the required Table B and reminded him that it was due back to me on November 16th, 2023. **(Attachment G)**

On November 16th, 2023, I had not heard back from Van Horn regarding the NTC. I called his primary phone listed in DCC's Accela records, (559) 213-1331, and got no answer, I left a message. I called Crescent Distribution Inc.'s business phone number listed in DCC's Accela records, (844) 427-3723, but the call could not be connected. **(Attachment H)** I emailed Anderson asking her to have Van Horn contact me if she speaks with him. **(Attachment I)**

As of November 22nd, 2023, I still had not heard back from Van Horn. I emailed him again, at crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com, advising him that the NTC was now late and that he needed to contact me immediately to address it to ensure that his license remains compliant. **(Attachment J)** I again called the provided primary contact phone number, (559) 213-1331, and left him the same message. The provided phone number listed for the business, (844) 427-3723, was still not connecting.

On November 27th, 2023, Anderson emailed me to tell me that she had received information that Van Horn had recently moved from the licensed premises, possibly with all his cannabis products. **(Attachment K)** On November 28th, 2023, Anderson advised me via email **(Attachment L)** that she had spoken to Van Horn's licensed premises property manager, Mazen Shaalan, **(Attachment M)** who told her that he issued Van Horn an unlawful detainer and Van Horn surrendered the unit the same day. Anderson was planning to respond to the licensed premises the same week for photographic documentation.

I emailed Van Horn on November 28th, 2023, at an additional email address that I located in Crescent Distributions Inc.'s METRC account, sivanhorn@sbcglobal.net, **(Attachment N)** advising Van Horn to contact me immediately regarding the late NTC. **(Attachment O)**

On December 7th, 2023, Anderson called me to advise me that she had visited the licensed premises and Van Horn had vacated the location. She emailed me two separate emails titled "Unit Vacated and Product Removed" **(Attachment P)** **(Attachment Q)** that included photographs of the abandoned unit. **(Attachment R)** Anderson told me via phone that the landlord served Van Horn a pay or quit notice as he owed approximately \$17,000.00 in unpaid rent, which Anderson emailed me a copy of on December 19th, 2023. **(Attachment S)**

On December 8th, 2023, I called Van Horn's provided primary contact phone number, (559) 213-1331, and got no answer, I left a message requesting he return my call. As of this date and continuing Crescent Distribution Inc.'s METRC account shows 326 active packages and zero outgoing manifests for the history of this license that would document coinciding manifests and show evidence of a lawful



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transfer of cannabis from the licensed premises. **(Attachment T)**

On December 19th, 2023, Anderson advised me via email **(Attachment U)** that SLOSO's Cannabis Compliance Team is in the process of speaking to the County Council and the tax office on what steps they will be taking regarding Crescent Distribution Inc.'s county business license status, regarding either a non-renewal or revocation.

On December 26th, 2023, I emailed Van Horn a Letter of Warning (LOW) outlining violations §17801(d), §15000.7(a), and §15049.2(a). **(Attachment V)** I confirmed that it was emailed to both email addresses identified for Van Horn, crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com and sjvanhorn@sbcglobal.net. It required a written response by January 10th, 2024. **(Attachment W)**

Van Horn responded to my email containing the LOW from sjvanhorn@sbcglobal.net, the email provided within his employee login in Crescent Distribution Inc's METRC account. He advised that he went out of business on October 31st, 2023, when they moved out of their leased unit. He advised that the landlord would not negotiate a reasonable rent and he was having issues with a downstairs neighbor. I responded to his email requesting that he still respond to the violations outlined in the LOW. **(Attachment X)**

On January 2nd, 2024, I emailed DCC Licensing to inquire what information was needed, beyond a confirmed email from the licensee stating that the business is closed, to begin the revocation process. Janet Zimmer, Staff Services Manager I with the Licensing Division (Zimmer), responded via email that the licensee is currently a provisional licensee under environmental review, and they are pending transition to an annual license. Zimmer also advised that nothing is preventing the Department from pursuing a license revocation but suggested that I concurrently request denial of the annual application as well. **(Attachment Y)**

On January 3rd, 2024, I received an email from Anderson advising that "as of 12/22/2023, Crescent Distribution no longer has a business license and cannot operate the cannabis business in SLO County." I inquired with her about whether the County plans to take further action towards him (Van Horn) and if so, what the appeals period may look like. Anderson advised that "his business license is done as it expired a while back and he made no attempt to pay or renew it. There isn't an appeal period given for this as it's technically not a denial or revocation" **(Attachment Z)** She included an attachment from San Luis Obispo County that shows that Crescent Distribution Inc.'s business license authorization period ended on October 31st, 2023. **(Attachment AA)**

I have not heard further from Crescent Distribution Inc.'s owner applicant, Scott Van Horn.



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WITNESS LIST

Witness #1

- Name: Samantha Lehnhoff
- Title/Position: DCC Special Investigator
- Address: 2920 Kilgore Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Phone: 916-999-4398
- E-mail: samantha.lehnhoff@cannabis.ca.gov


Witness #2

- Name: Ian Halligan
- Title/Position: DCC Analyst
- Address: 2920 Kilgore Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Phone: 279-217-3657
- E-mail: Ian.Halligan@cannabis.ca.gov
- Miscellaneous information:


Witness #3

- Name: Sarah Anderson
- Title/Position: San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Cannabis Compliance Team Resource Protection Specialist III
- Address: 3220 S. Higuera St #101B, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- Phone: 805-781-1246
- E-mail: seanderson@co.slo.ca.us
- Miscellaneous information:

PREPARER

Name	Title
Samantha Lehnhoff	Special Investigator
Signature	Date
 Samantha.Lehnhoff@can- nabis.ca.gov	Digitally signed by Samantha.Lehnhoff@cannabis.ca.gov Date: 2024.06.19 14:48:50 -07'00' 6/19/24

REVIEWER

Name	Title
Harley Voss	Supervising Special Investigator I
Signature	Date
 Harley Voss	Digitally signed by Harley Voss Date: 2024.08.13 15:48:08 -07'00' 08/13/2024

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- Expired DCC License.
- Email from CCTT regarding Retail Delivery Ledgers.
- Notice to Comply issued on October 17th, 2023.
- Notice to Comply Proof of Service by Certified Mail on October 17th, 2023.
- Notice to Comply served by email on October 17th, 2023.
- Van Horn's contact information from DCC's Accela database.
- Email to Van Horn outlining the NTC due date.
- Crescent Distribution Inc.'s business phone number from DCC's Accela database.
- Email to Anderson regarding speaking with Van Horn.
- Email to Van Horn advising him that the NTC was late.
- Email from Anderson regarding Van Horn moving from the licensed premises.
- Email from Anderson regarding the conversation with the property manager.
- Email from Anderson advising property manager company name.
- Additional email for Van Horn located in METRC account.
- Email to Van Horn advising him to contact me ASAP regarding the late NTC.



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- P. Email containing vacated premises pictures.
- Q. Second email containing vacated premises pictures.
- R. Photos of vacated licensed premises provided by Anderson.
- S. Pay or Quit notice served to Van Horn provided by Anderson.
- T. Crescent's METRC account showing no lawful transfers of cannabis.
- U. Email from Anderson regarding San Luis Obispo County's next steps.
- V. Letter of Warning issued on December 26th, 2023.
- W. Email sending the Letter of Warning to both email addresses for Van Horn.
- X. Email from Van Horn on December 26th, 2023, advising he went out of business.
- Y. Email with Licensing reference revocation request.
- Z. Email from Anderson advising Crescent can no longer operate in San Luis Obispo County.
- AA. Expired San Luis Obispo County business license provided by Anderson.

PROOF OF SERVICE

Case Name: In the Matter of the Amended Citation Against: Crescent Distribution Inc.
DCC Case No. DCC23-0001622-INV
License Number: C9-0000447-LIC, Retailer Non-Storefront

I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is Department of Cannabis Control, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. On December 18, 2025, I served the within documents:

NOTICE OF DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

- ☒ VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION. Pursuant to CCP § 1010.6, I caused the document(s) to be sent to the person(s) at the Email address(es) listed below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.
- ☒ VIA CERTIFIED MAIL by placing the envelope for collection and mailing following our ordinary business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service to the individual(s) or entity(ies) listed below.
 - ☐ Service via certified mail to be completed upon the following business day.

Crescent Distribution Inc.
Scott Van Horn, Owner
1189 Pike Lane, Ste. 5
Oceano, CA 93445-9477
Certified Mail No. 7022 1670 0001 3411 4889
crescentdistributioninc@gmail.com

Scott Van Horn, Owner
Crescent Distribution Inc.
5063 North Van Ness Blvd.
Fresno, CA 93711
Certified Mail No. 7022 1670 0001 3411 4896
sjvanhorn@sbcglobal.net

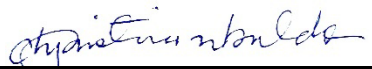
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I am familiar with the Department's business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service. In accordance with those practices, correspondence placed in the Department's internal mail collection system is, in the ordinary course of business, deposited in the United States Postal Service, with postage paid, on the same day.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, and the United States of America, that the above is true and correct.

Executed on December 18, 2025, at Rancho Cordova, California.



Christina C. Ubaldo