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Alaska Marijuana Control Board – AMCO Enforcement

Notice of Violation (3 AAC 306.805)

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Licensee:	Tip Top, LLC	**Date:**	12/5/23
Doing Business As:	Tip Top Cannabis	**License #:**	14359
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store	**AMCO Case #:**	AM232320
Mailing Address:	233 E. 5th Avenue Suite 1 Anchorage, AK 99501-2519		

	Date	Violation of	Fine	Date	Violation of	Fine
Violation(s) of Statute/Regulation:	12/2/23	3AAC306.325(a)				

	Date	Violation of	Fine	Date	Violation of	Fine
Prior Violation(s)						

This is a notice to you as a licensee that you are being issued a notice of violation for the purposes described in 3 AAC 306.806(e). A description of the violation is as follows,
NOTE: This is not an accusation or criminal complaint.

I received an email from Mike Edwards on 12/02/23 that stated tip top Cannabis had a child in their store on12/2.

On 12/5/23 I went to Tip Top Cannabis and spoke to Noah Britt, the manager, and Michael Edwards an employee. I told them that I received a complaint about a minor on the premises on 12/2. They both stated that they remembered that a woman had carried a toddler into the store. Edwards stated that when he saw the child he asked the manager if children were allowed in the store and the manager told him no. Edwards stated that he then asked the people to leave. I reviewed video of the front entrance and the point of sale area. At approximately 11:05 AM on 12/2/23 three adults entered the premises and one of the adults was carrying a toddler that appeared to be about 3 years old. The party looked at some items through the glass case and then Edwards grabbed some product from behind the counter and one female in the party handed him a credit card. Edwards sold the product to the female and the party left at about 11:10. I could not discern from the video whether they were ever asked to leave.

This is in violation of: 3AAC306.325(a) Access restricted at retail marijuana store.

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Disciplinary Action

Civil Fine:		**Probation:**	

You may choose to contest or not contest the violation or recommended disciplinary action. If you do not contest, please describe in writing the remedial measures you are taking to address the violation and remit the requested fine, if applicable You may contest the violation or recommended disciplinary action by filing a written response not later than 10 days after your receipt of this notice. You may elect to appeal this notice directly to the Marijuana Control Board under 3 AAC 306.845 or request an informal conference with the director under 3 AAC 306.844. if your informal conference with the director is not to your satisfaction, you may still elect to appeal this notice to the board by filing written notice of the same with AMCO. Any appeal to the board will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, unless both AMCO and you agree to an extension. You may appeal any final decision by the board to the superior court under AS 44.62.560, excluding a request that the director prepare an accusation for suspension or revocation of a license.

Please send your response, including any potential fine, your request for an informal conference, or appeal to the board to the address below and include your marijuana license number in your response.

Marijuana Control Office
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Issuing Investigator:	J. Rukes	**Issued To:**	
Signature:	Jeff Rukes	**Title:**	
Delivered VIA	Via Email	**Issued Date:**	

2023

Davies, Jason M (CED)

From: coltman@gci.net <coltman@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 2:11 PM
To: Rukes, Jeffrey B (CED) <jeff.rukes@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: NOV for minor in a restricted area

Inspector Rukes,

As you noted in our telephone conversation, this is quite a confusing case; the person who emailed AMCO regarding the violation was the very person who knowingly committed it.

This individual, Mike Edwards, despite having gone through AMCO training to obtain his Handler Card where it's made abundantly clear that minors aren't permitted in dispensaries; despite having been trained by TIP TOP management AND told at the time by the manager on duty that minors aren't allowed on TIP TOP premises; and despite telling the customers himself that they weren't allowed in with a minor, STILL served a member of that party while the child was still present in the store.

On Tuesday afternoon, after you left TIP TOP, and before we discovered that Mr. Edwards was the individual who made the complaint, TIP TOP's manager-on-duty fired Mr. Edwards for his failure to adhere to AMCO and TIP TOP protocols regarding minors.

My first thought upon hearing about the case was that Mr. Edwards had ill-will towards TIP TOP and wanted to get the shop in trouble with his actions. Then, after seeing the unhinged stream of text messages (samples attached) he sent to staff and management at TIP TOP following his dismissal, I thought that perhaps Mr. Edwards has a mental health issue. On further reading of his texts, I came across a particularly troubling one referring to Angie Gonzalez as an "immigrant" which Mr. Edwards imbued with a negative connotation. And, after intentionally committing the violation, Mr. Edwards in his email to AMCO somehow tried to blame your organization for allowing the incident to occur.

Given his racism, unstable nature and disregard for AMCO's regulations and the public's safety, I think Mr. Edwards should lose his handlers card and be prohibited from working in the industry.

Sincerely yours,

Nick Coltman

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From: "Rukes, Jeffrey B (CED)" <jeff.rukes@alaska.gov>
To: "NICK COLTMAN" <coltman@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 10:14:00 AM
Subject: NOV for minor in a restricted area

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