

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

CONFIDENTIAL

DOCKET NUMBER 02-10

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A

20 TRINITY STREET

COMPLAINT AGAINST

HARTFORD, CT 06106

CHRISTOPHER DUNN

NOVEMBER 6, 2002

COMPLAINT

1. At all times relevant herein, the Respondent Christopher Dunn was a state employee as that term is used in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79 et seq., serving as the Building and Grounds Supervising Patrol Officer at the Department of Veterans' Affairs' Hospital ("Hospital").
2. Connecticut General Statutes §1-84(b) prohibits, among other things, a state employee from accepting other employment that will impair his independence of judgment with regard to his official state duties.
3. Connecticut General Statutes §1-84(c) prohibits, among other things, a state employee from using his state office or position to obtain financial gain for himself.
4. While serving in his capacity as Building and Grounds Supervising Patrol Officer, the Respondent was involved in the purchase of certain communications equipment from New England Communications, Inc. ("NEC").
5. At the same time that he was involved in these purchases, the Respondent was also working as a salesperson for NEC on an independent contract basis.
6. The Respondent accepted commissions totaling over \$700 from NEC in connection with the sales made to the Hospital.
7. The Respondent's acceptance of employment with NEC, subsequent involvement in the dealings between the Hospital and NEC, and acceptance of related commissions from NEC violated §§1-84(b) and 1-84(c).

*November 6, 2002*

Date

*Brenda M Bergeron*

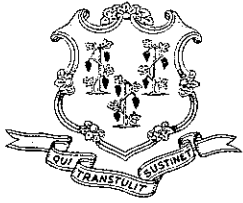
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STIPULATION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

1. The Commission finds that the Respondent violated the Code of Ethics as alleged in the Complaint dated November 6, 2002.
2. The Respondent states that he did not know that he was violating the Code of Ethics when he accepted commissions from a company doing business with his agency. The Respondent further states that his relationship with the company predated his employment with the state, and that his supervisor was aware of that relationship.
3. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-82, 1-82a, 1-87, and 1-80, including any right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c).

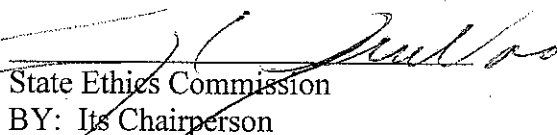
WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission enters and the Respondent agrees to the following order in lieu of any other action with regard to this matter:

The Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$1200 to the Commission, in monthly installments of \$200, the first payment to be made within thirty days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order, and henceforth to comply with the Code of Ethics.



Respondent, Christopher Dunn

11/8/02  
Date

  
State Ethics Commission  
BY: Its Chairperson

8 Nov 02  
Date