OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

DOCKET NUMBER 2024-05	:	**165 CAPITOL AVENUE**
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IN THE MATTER OF A	:	**SUITE 1200**
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COMPLAINT AGAINST	:	**HARTFORD, CT 06106**
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GREGORIO AGOSTO	:	**MAY 28, 2026**

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to the Code of Ethics, General Statutes §§ 1-79, *et seq.*, Mark Wasielewski, Ethics Enforcement Officer, filed a Complaint against Gregorio Agosto ("Respondent"), alleging violations of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials. Based on the investigation by the Enforcement Division of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") (together with Respondent, the "Parties"), OSE finds that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent violated the Code of Ethics as further set forth herein.

The Parties have entered into this Consent Order following the issuance of the Complaint, but without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein.

I. STIPULATION

The Ethics Enforcement Officer and Respondent stipulate the following facts:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed as a Correction Officer at the Connecticut Department of Correction ("DOC").

2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was a "state employee" as that term is defined in General Statutes § 1-79 (13).

3. Beginning in or around April 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, DOC administered the Temporary Emergency Lodging Program/Hotel Accommodations Program (the "Hotel Program") whereby DOC provided hotel rooms at no cost to DOC employees who met certain COVID-19 related criteria.

4. At all times relevant hereto, the Hotel Program was available only to DOC employees who were confirmed to be COVID-19 positive or suspected to be COVID-19 positive, and/or to DOC employees whose family members were self-quarantined or quarantined by the direction of a medical provider.

5. At all times relevant hereto, DOC employees who utilized rooms pursuant to the Hotel Program were required to obtain prior DOC approval.

6. At all times relevant hereto, DOC employees who utilized the Hotel Program were not permitted to have any guests in their hotel rooms.

7. From on or around March 25, 2021, through April 2, 2021, Respondent reserved and/or stayed at a hotel in Shelton, Connecticut (the "Shelton Hotel") using the Hotel Program.

8. Respondent's stay at the Shelton Hotel was authorized by DOC.

9. From on or around April 2, 2021, through April 8, 2021, the Respondent reserved another hotel in Danbury, Connecticut (the "Danbury Hotel") using the Hotel Program.

10. Respondent did not personally use the Danbury Hotel but instead allowed his family members to use the room.

11. Respondent charged the stay for his family members at the Danbury Hotel to DOC under the Hotel Program.

12. At no time did Respondent receive prior authorization, or submit a request for authorization, for the Danbury Hotel stay for his family members.

13. The Danbury Hotel stay was taken for Respondent's own and/or his family's convenience and/or personal use and not for the purposes permitted by the Hotel Program.

14. DOC paid for Respondent's hotel stay, which totaled $390.00.

15. General Statutes §1-84 (c) states in pertinent part:

> [N]o public official or state employee shall use his public office or position ... to obtain financial gain for himself, his spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or sister or a business with which he is associated.

16. By utilizing the Hotel Program to provide free hotel stays for himself and/or his family, Respondent used his public office or position to obtain financial gain, in violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c).

II. RESPONDENT'S STATEMENT

1. Respondent states that he ultimately paid for the Danbury Hotel stays in May of 2021, prior to the initiation of the Ethics matter.

III. JURISDICTION

2. The Ethics Enforcement Officer is authorized to investigate Respondent's acts as set forth herein and to enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order.

3. The provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order apply to and are binding upon Respondent.

4. Respondent hereby waives all objections and defenses to the jurisdiction of the Ethics Enforcement Officer over matters addressed in this Stipulation and Consent Order.

5. Respondent waives any rights he may have under General Statutes §§ 1-80, 1-82, 1-82a, 1-87, and 1-88, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Ethics Enforcement Officer to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by General Statutes § 4-177 (c).

6. Respondent consents to jurisdiction and venue in the Connecticut Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, in the event that the State of Connecticut seeks to enforce this Stipulation and Consent Order. Respondent recognizes that the Connecticut Superior Court has

the authority to specifically enforce the provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order, including the authority to award equitable relief.

7. The terms set forth herein are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other existing or future statutory, regulatory, or other legal obligation that may be applicable to Respondent.

8. Respondent understands that he has a right to counsel and has been represented by counsel during OSE's investigation and in connection with this Stipulation and Consent Order.

IV. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to General Statutes § 4-177 (c), OSE hereby ORDERS, and Respondent agrees, that:

1. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (1), Respondent will cease and desist from any future violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c).

2. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (3), Respondent will pay civil penalties to the State in the amount of three hundred dollars ($300.00) for his violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c) as set forth in the Complaint and herein.

WHEREFORE, the Ethics Enforcement Officer and Respondent hereby execute this Stipulation and Consent Order dated May 28, 2026.

Dated: 6/8/26

Gregorio Agosto

Dated: 6/11/26

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