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## Former State Military Department Employee Thomas Tracey Enters Stipulation and Consent Order for Accepting a Gift from his Supervisor

*Hartford* –Former State Military Department Employee Thomas Tracey, a resident of Suffield, paid a civil penalty of \$250 for violating the Code of Ethics by assisting James Liss (the subject of Docket No. 2014-21) in selling scrap metal owned by the state for personal profit. Tracey also lost his state position in a related personnel action.

As set forth in the stipulation, Tracey assisted Liss in selling scrap metal belonging to the State of Connecticut. Tracy then profited by receiving \$100 from Liss from the sale of the scrap metal. As such, Tracey used his state position to obtain an improper financial gain, in violation of section 1-84 (c) of the Code of Ethics. Tracy also violated section 1-84 (p)(2) when he accepted the gift of one hundred dollars from his supervisor.

"Even if a state employee's boss says it's okay," said OSE Executive Director Carol Carson. "It's not okay, if it's not okay under the Code of Ethics."

View: Stipulation and Consent Order 2014-39

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