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Former Department of Corrections District Food Services Manager Jason Rawlinitis pays \$1,500 Penalty to Office of State Ethics for ‘Revolving Door’ Violation

Hartford – Former Department of Corrections (DOC), District Food Services Manager, Jason Rawlinitis, an Enfield resident, entered a stipulation and consent order in which he agreed to pay a \$1,500 penalty to the Office of State Ethics.

Within one year of his departure from state service, Rawlinitis became employed by a private company specializing in the distribution of janitorial and maintenance equipment and supplies and was paid by his new company to contact the DOC to try to market the company’s supplies and services to the DOC.

Under Section 1-84b (b) of the Code of Ethics, no former state employee shall, for one year after leaving state service, represent anyone, other than the state, for compensation before the department, agency, board, commission, council or office in which he served at the time of his termination of service, concerning any matter in which the state has a substantial interest.

In this case, the state had, and has, a substantial interest in the maintenance of DOC facilities, and in the contracts it enters for supplies and equipment for such maintenance.

In his defense, Rawlinitis stated that he did not intentionally violate the Code of Ethics and he did not realize any financial gain from the violation. Rawlinitis fully cooperated with the Enforcement Division’s investigation and has no prior history of ethics violations.

“For a year after leaving public service, a state employee’s name, face or voice may not be used by his or her new employer before his or her former agency,” said Executive Director Carol Carson.

View: [Stipulation and Consent Order 2015-42](#)

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