



Inspector's Report

Inspectors Name: Allan Vang

Date & Time: 2/2/2023 at 1:37pm Staff Member's Name: Mohamed

Business/DBA Name: Winnipeg Grocery

Property Address: 864 Rice Street

Reason for Visit: Flavor Tobacco Products Complaint Inspection

Observations: Multiple flavor cigars and cigarette violations

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No – Area(s) of where the Photo(s) where taken: _____
of the counter

Action Taken: ☐ Education / warning

☒ Request for Adverse Action

Other: _____

Details of Conversations (Statements to and by Person Responsible for Property):

Upon arrival I introduced myself as a Licensing inspector from the City of Saint Paul for the Department of Safety and Inspection to Mohamed the owner/license holder. Mohamed acknowledged who I was then he continued to talk on his cell phone. I met up with Tom Piskor from State of Minnesota Department of Revenue who was already present, Tom laid all tobacco products that were in violation on top of the display case/counter that were discovered in bags behind the counter. Violations that were discovered fit the description exactly from the complaint submitted to DSI on 1/31/2023 that stated, "selling flavored tobacco products and Newport Menthol without Tax Stamps from a bag behind the counter".

Note: all the tobacco products found within the bags were all flavor tobacco products.

Mohamed claimed that the products were a store employee's, I corrected him by stating that these products were all violations of the City of Saint Paul's Legislative Code 324. Mohamed Stated, "I know, but this guy (later discovered it was the deli employee), left the bags behind the register". I then explained to Mohamed that I and Joseph Voyda (another DSI Inspector) explained to him on 1/20/2023 during an opening inspection for his other location thirteen (13) days prior for a Tobacco Products Shop license located at 516 Rice Street, reviewed 324 ordinance including flavor violations and THC product State Statutes violations.

I instructed Mohamed that all flavor violations needed to be removed from behind the counter and placed in the back room. Tom Piskor intervened and explained to Mohamed that these products were not on his tobacco product invoice and is being seized as a State Statutes violation.



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Product violations found:

(1) box of Black & Mild Sweet and approximately twenty (20) single cigar in an open box, four (4) Dutch Java Fusion, five (5) Dutch Gold Fusion, four (4) Dutch OG Fusion, four (4) Backwood Russian Cream, one (1) Backwood Banana, fifteen (15) pack of Newport Mental cigarettes (missing tax stamp), one (1) Backwood Honey Bourbon, one (1) Backwood Black Russian, one (1) Backwood Honey, four (4) Backwood Dark Stout, one (1) Loon Max Pineapple, three (3) Frontomaster Cream, three (3) Dutch Honey Fusion, three (3) Dutch Sweet Fusion Red, four (4) Dutch Berry Fusion, and one (1) Dutch Blue Dream Fusion.

