

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Complainant

vs.

JOSEPH RAYMOND WILSON
Respondent

Docket Number 2023-0224
Enforcement Activity No. 7685647

ORDER MEMORIALIZING BENCH DECISION

On April 23, 2024, I convened a hearing in Mobile, Alabama in the above captioned case. Andrew Myers, Esq., and Erin Anderson, Esq., appeared for the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard). Mr. Joseph Raymond Wilson (Respondent) appeared *pro se* (on his own behalf).

During the hearing, the Coast Guard called four witnesses and offered twelve exhibits, all of which were admitted. Respondent offered three exhibits and testified on his own behalf. At the close of the parties' presentations, the parties waived their right to file post-hearing briefs and agreed to a bench decision as described in 33 C.F.R. § 20.710.

On April 24, 2024, after considering all the evidence in the record, I entered an oral decision as permitted by 33 C.F.R. § 20.710. The Coast Guard appeared in person and Respondent appeared telephonically. As will be reflected in the transcript, I concluded the Coast Guard proved its single-count Complaint, which alleged Respondent violated 46 U.S.C. § 7704(b) after testing positive for marijuana on April 20, 2023. Pursuant to Coast Guard regulations and prior Commandant Decisions on Appeal, I imposed a sanction of **REVOCATION**.

In the Scheduling Order – Notice of Hearing, I directed Respondent to bring his credentials to the hearing; however, Respondent forgot to bring his credentials to the hearing. As

a result of the revocation, I instructed Respondent he must relinquish his credentials to the Coast Guard within five days of the oral decision.

Thereafter, I advised Respondent of his appeal rights as set forth in 33 C.F.R. §§ 20.1001-1004. A separate order will follow serving a copy of the transcript on both parties once the undersigned receives a copy from the court reporter.

SO ORDERED.

Done and dated this 26th day of April, 2024,
at New Orleans, Louisiana

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. J. Curley", written in a cursive style.

**HON. BRIAN J. CURLEY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**