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CANNABIS REGULATORY UPDATES

WHISTLEBLOWER LAWSUIT AGAINST METRC RAISES SIGNIFICANT COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY CONCERN FOR THE LEGAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY

By Jean Smith-Gonnell and Cole White

METRC, Inc., the predominant provider of seed-to-sale tracking software used by state regulatory bodies overseeing legal cannabis markets across the U.S., faces serious allegations detailed in a recent lawsuit filed in Oregon. The lawsuit, brought by a former executive at METRC, accuses the company of whistleblower retaliation and wrongful termination under Oregon law. Central to the plaintiff's complaint are allegations that METRC knowingly ignored substantial compliance violations within its tracking systems in California, potentially facilitating illegal diversion of cannabis products. The litigation raises critical concerns for cannabis regulatory compliance, not only in Oregon and California but also in the 25 other jurisdictions that rely on METRC's systems.

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