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Department of Professional Regulation Suspends Suspected Gang Leader's Security Guard License

CHICAGO - The Illinois Department of Professional Regulation (IDPR) has suspended accused drug and gang kingpin Donnell Jehan's Permanent Employee Registration Card (PERC), a license issued to security guards by the Department.

"Mr. Jehan is a dangerous fugitive from Federal law enforcement authorities, and it is imperative that he is stripped of any credential that might lend him any legitimacy," IDPR Director Fernando E. Grillo said after suspending Jehan's PERC Tuesday.

Earlier this month, Jehan and 46 other members and associates of the Black Disciples gang were charged in a federal drug conspiracy case that accused them of raking in up to \$500,000 a day in sales of cocaine, heroin and marijuana, according to Federal law enforcement officials. Jehan remains at-large.

In March, the Department issued Jehan a PERC with one-year probation due to an earlier criminal conviction. One of the conditions of the probation was that Jehan could not apply for a permit to carry a weapon as a security guard.

"Under these circumstances, the Department has the right to suspend Jehan's PERC on an emergency basis," Grillo said.

Section 45-20 of 225 ILCS 447 gives the IDPR Director authority to suspend a security guard's license. The PERC-holder is entitled to a hearing to lift the suspension within 30 days of the ruling, but the individual must appear in person at the hearing.