Estate Sale Watch & Jewelry Check Sheet

Three separate questions: Is the brand genuine? Is the metal what it claims? What is the stone?

No scratching, acid testing, or opening watches at the sale. These checks screen items; they don't prove them.

1. Watch: the brand

- ☐ Serial / reference number photographed (do not open the case)
- ☐ Printing on the dial is crisp, evenly spaced, centered
- ☐ Second hand motion fits the movement type (ask seller)
- ☐ Weight and finish feel right for a solid steel or gold case
- ☐ Bracelet, clasp and end links match the watch's era

2. Watch: the parts

- ☐ Ask: when was it last serviced, and by whom?
- ☐ Ask: any replaced dial, hands, bezel, crystal or bracelet?
- ☐ Papers, box, receipts present? (missing is not proof of fake)
- ☐ Papers match the serial number on the watch

3. Metal: the stamp

- ☐ Karat or fineness stamp found: _____ (10K, 14K, 585, 750...)
- ☐ Maker's mark / trademark next to the stamp
- ☐ Words like GF, RGP, 1/20, GP, HGE, vermeil (plated or filled)
- ☐ Wear spots showing a different color metal underneath
- ☐ Magnet: chain links pull? (clasps and springs may be steel)

4. Stone

- ☐ Lab report or inscription number? Report # _____
- ☐ Ask: natural, lab-grown, or simulant? Get it in writing
- ☐ Do not rely on fog, water, sparkle or newspaper tests
- ☐ Handheld testers can confuse moissanite and can't tell lab from natural

5. Who to ask

- ☐ Watch: independent watchmaker or the brand's service center
- ☐ Metal: jeweler with XRF (non-destructive) testing
- ☐ Stone: GIA graduate gemologist or a gem lab report
- ☐ Return policy / written description from seller: _____

Item: _____ **Asking price: $**_____

[ ] Buy as priced [ ] Buy only if returnable / pending testing [ ] Pass

Would I be fine paying this if it turned out plated, a simulant, or a fake? [ ] Yes [ ] No