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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150-2358

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

January 25, 2024

BOSTON DOMINICAN INC. D/B/A PUNTA CANA MARKET 168 BELGRADE AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02131

LICENSE#: 89963-PK-0116 VIOLATION DATE: 7/20/2023

HEARD: 1/16/2024

After a hearing on January 16, 2024, the Commission finds Boston Dominican Inc. d/b/a Punta Cana Market violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 counts). The Commission SUSPENDS the license for one (1) day to be served.

The suspension shall be served on Monday, March 11, 2024. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on March 12, 2024.

You are advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.138 §23, you may petition the Commission to accept an offer in compromise in lieu of suspension within twenty (20) calendar days following such notice of such suspension. If accepted, you may pay a fine using the enclosed form which must be signed by the Licensee and a Massachusetts Licensed Accountant.

You are advised that you have the right to appeal this decision under M.G.L. c. 30A to Superior Court within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this notice.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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cc: Local Licensing Board
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Michael Teehan, Investigator
Mark Kenny, Investigator
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DECISION

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Boston Dominican Inc. d/b/a Punta Cana Market (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Teehan's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Teehan's Investigative Report;
- 2. Fraudulent Massachusetts Driver's license:
- 3. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved, 3/17/2021;
- 4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Thursday, July 20, 2023, Investigators Kenny and Teehan ("Investigators") conducted surveillance of Boston Dominican Inc. d/b/a Punta Cana Market ("Licensee" or "Punta Cana Market") to determine the way its business was being conducted.
- 2. At approximately 6:25 p.m. while outside the licensed premises, Investigators observed two youthful appearing individuals exit Punta Cana Market in possession of alcoholic beverages: one 36-pack of Coors Light beer; one 18-pack of Michelob Ultra beer, one 12-pack of Twisted Tea, one 6-pack of Twisted Tea, and two 4-packs of High Noon Hard Seltzer. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.

- 3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 2/14/2007 (age 16), provided to Investigators a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license bearing his own name but a different birth date.
- 4. Underage #2, actual date of birth 3/23/2005 (age18), stated she was not asked for identification to purchase these alcoholic beverages.
- 5. Investigators advised Lorenzo Mercado, Licensee and Manager of Record, of the violations, and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further action.
- 6. Mr. Mercado appeared at the Commission hearing. The Commission was informed the Licensee immediately purchased a scanner after this incident and has implemented a policy wherein all customers must produce identification and all identifications are scanned.
- 7. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2021 with no prior violations.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of two (2) days of which one (1) day will be served and (one) 1 day will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission regulations are found by this Commission.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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Dated: January 25, 2024

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