

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

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DECISION

CHANSKY MARKET INC. D/B/A CHANSKY'S SUPER MARKET 1700 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02135 LICENSE#: 89503-PK-0116

VIOLATION DATE: 9/30/2020

HEARD: 10/19/2021

Chansky Market Inc. d/b/a Chansky's Super 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, October 19, 2021, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age (3 counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Temple's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Temple's Report;
- 2. ABCC Approval Cover Sheet, Transfer Approved 3/17/2019;
- 3. Photograph of Fraudulent and Genuine Identifications;
- 4. Licensee Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Investigators Velez and Temple ("Investigators"), conducted an inspection of the business operation of Chansky Market Inc. d/b/a Chansky's Super Market to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.
- 2. While outside the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful appearing female exit the store in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 4/19/2002 (age 18), was in possession of one case of Truly Hard Seltzer and one case of White Claw Hard Seltzer. Underage #1 stated to Investigators that she did not present any identification when purchasing the alcoholic beverages.

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- 4. Investigators spoke to the clerk on duty, Harry Patel, who confirmed he had not requested any identification from Underage #1.
- 5. Investigators informed Mr. Patel of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for review. They provided Mr. Patel with a business card and requested he ask the Licensee call Investigators.
- 6. At approximately 8:45 p.m., Investigators observed another youthful appearing female exit the store in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 7. Underage #2, actual date of birth 9/4/2001 (age 19) was in possession of two bottles of Barefoot wine and one bottle of Yellowtail wine. She informed Investigators she had presented a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license in her name with a different birth date, when purchasing the alcoholic beverages.
- 8. At approximately 8:52 p.m., Investigators observed a third youthful appearing female exit the store in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 9. Underage #3, actual date of birth 1/24/2002 (age 18) was in possession of one bottle of Barefoot wine. She stated to the Investigators that she had presented a fraudulent Maine driver's license in her name with a different birth date, when she purchased the alcoholic beverage.
- 10. Peter Patel, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified as to steps taken after the Investigator's visit. The Licensee has since instituted a new policy wherein all patrons are required to produce identification, regardless of age. In addition, they have purchased a new state of the art scanner to aid in evaluating identifications, specifically out of state identifications.
- 11. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2019 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 years of age (3 counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of five (5) days which are hereby deemed served.

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Dated: December 8, 2021

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