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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

May 31, 2022

RANI CORP. D/B/A JUBINVILLE PACKAGE STORE 370 MAIN STREET HOLYOKE, MA 01040 LICENSE#: 00079-PK-0540

VIOLATION DATE: 11/4/2021

HEARD: 3/22/2022

After a hearing on March 22, 2022, the Commission finds Rani Corp. d/b/a Jubinville Package Store violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (3 Counts). The Commission suspends the license for a period of six (6) days to be served.

The suspension shall commence on Monday, July 18, 2022, and terminate on Saturday, July 23, 2022. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Sunday, July 24, 2022.

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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DECISION

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Rani Corp. d/b/a Jubinville Package Store (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, March 22, 2022, 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 (3 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Fleming's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Fleming's Violation Report;
- 2. ABCC Form 43, License Transfer Approval, 2/24/1999;
- 3. ABCC Decision, 3/24/2009;
- 4. Licensee Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Thursday, November 4, 2021, at approximately 7:25 p.m., Investigators Kujawski, Gould, and Fleming ("Investigators") conducted an inspection of the business operation of Rani Corp. d/b/a Jubinville Package Store to determine the way its business was being conducted.
- 2. While outside the establishment, Investigators observed a vehicle with three youthful appearing female individuals pull into the parking lot of the licensed premises. The three individuals exited the vehicle and entered the licensed premises. Investigator observed the same three individuals exit the store with a plastic bag containing what appeared to be alcoholic beverages.

- 3. Investigators approached the three individuals, identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 10/07/2003 (age 18), Underage #2, actual date of birth 6/21/2004 (age 17) and Underage #3, actual date of birth 9/21/2004 (age 17) provided Investigators with their Massachusetts Junior Operator's Driver's Licenses and stated they were not asked to produce identification inside the store.
- 5. The following alcohol was confiscated from the underage individuals: 1 bottle of Skyy Raspberry Vodka and 2 Smirnoff Screwdriver Ice bottles.
- 6. Investigators entered the licensed premises and spoke to the employee on duty and Licensee, Parth Patel. Mr. Patel confirmed to Investigators that he sold the alcoholic beverages to the underage male.
- 7. Investigators informed Mr. Patel of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further action.
- 8. Mr. Patel appeared at the Commission hearing and testified he purchased a scanner to assist in assessing identifications. Mr. Patel also stated he has had patrons present expired identifications and he refuses to accept those expired identifications as proof of age.
- 9. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 1999 with one prior violation.

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 (3 Count). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of six (6) days.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner

Deborah Baglio, Commissioner

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Dated: May 31, 2022

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