



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission*  
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**Jean M. Lorizio, Esq.**  
*Chairman*

**DECISION**

**NB LIQUORS INC. D/B/A SILVA'S DISCOUNT LIQUORS**  
**452 MOUNT PLEASANT STREET**  
**NEW BEDFORD, MA 02746**  
**LICENSE#: 89653-PK-02746**  
**VIOLATION DATE: 10/04/2024**  
**HEARD: 1/28/2025**

NB Liquors Inc. d/b/a Silva's Discount Liquors ("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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 (1 Count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Licensee stipulated to the facts in Investigator Velez's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of N. Velez;
2. ABCC License Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved 10/2/2019;
3. Photograph of Fraudulent Rhode Island Identification;
4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On Friday, October 4, 2024, at approximately 7:35 p.m., Investigators McDonough and Velez ("Investigators") conducted surveillance of the business operation of NB Liquors Inc. d/b/a Silva's Discount Liquors ("Licensee").
2. Investigators observed a youthful appearing female individual exit a silver Jeep Wrangler, enter the licensed premises and shortly thereafter exit the establishment in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 8/24/2005 (age 19), was in possession of one 1.75-liter bottle of Burnett's Mango vodka; one 1.75-liter bottle of Smirnoff Red, White & Berry

vodka; and one 1.75-liter bottle of Smirnoff No. 21 vodka. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.

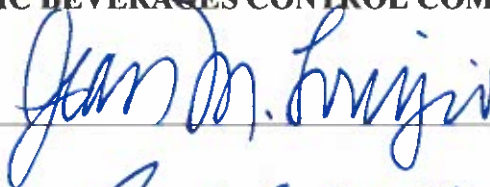
4. Investigators entered the licensed premises and informed the Licensee, Mehul Patel, of the above violation and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further review.
5. Mr. Patel appeared at the Commission's hearing. The Commission was informed that the Licensee has since purchased and installed a state-of-the-art scanner, and all employees have been recertified through TIPS training.
6. 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 (21) years of age (1 Count). Therefore, the Commission **SUSPENDS the license for a period of one (1) day which 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**

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Deborah Baglio, Commissioner



Dated: February 25, 2025

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