



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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DECISION

**SARTHI CONVENIENCE INC. D/B/A LIQUOR WORLD
10 ROCKWOOD ROAD
NORFOLK, MA 02056
LICENSE#: 00007-PK-0818
VIOLATION DATE: 9/02/2022
HEARD: 12/6/2022**

Sarthi Convenience Inc. d/b/a Liquor World (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, December 6, 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 (1 Count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Quinn's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigator Quinn's Violation Report;
2. ABCC Form 43, New All-Alcoholic Beverages License Approval, 2/11/2014;
3. ABCC Form 43, Transfer of Wines & Malt Beverages License Approval, 3/29/2007;
4. Photographs of Fraudulent Driver's License Confiscated;
5. Licensee Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Friday, September 2, 2022, Investigators Cutter, Keefe, and Quinn ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of Sarthi Convenience Inc. d/b/a Liquor World to determine the way its business was being conducted.
2. At approximately 6:25 p.m., while outside the establishment, Investigators observed one youthful appearing male individual enter the licensed premises. Investigator observed the same individual exit the store carrying a case of High Noon Hard Seltzer.
3. Investigators approached the individual, identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.

4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 10/15/2004 (age 17), provided Investigators with a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license in his own name with a different birth date, which he had used to purchase the alcoholic beverages. He also provided his true Massachusetts driver's license.
5. Investigators confiscated the case of High Noon Hard Seltzer and the fraudulent license.
6. At approximately 8:30 p.m., Investigators entered the licensed premises and spoke to the employees on duty. Investigators informed the employees of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for review.
7. Mr. Nitante Raval, Principal of the Licensee corporation, appeared at the Commission hearing. The Commission was informed that Underage #1 had been asked to produce not only identification but also a back-up, as the Licensee's policy dictates. Underage #1 presented a credit card. Prior to this incident the Licensee had ordered a state-of-the-art identification scanner which is now in place.
8. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2007 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 Jean M. Lorizio

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner Crystal Matthews

Deborah Baglio, Commissioner Deborah A. Baglio

Dated: March 15, 2023

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