

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

DECISION

SHREEJI KRISHNA LLC D/B/A CHICO'S WINE & SPIRITS 1245 WEST HOUSATONIC STREET PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

LICENSE#: 89082-PK-0974 VIOLATION DATE: 8/29/2019

HEARD: 1/07/2020

Shreeji Krishna LLC d/b/a Chico's Wine & Spirits (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("Commission" or "ABCC") held a hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2)- Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch.138 § 34- Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. 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 Compliance Check Field Report;
- 2. Licensee Stipulation of Fact;
- 3. Copy of License Transfer Application Approval, 6/20/2017.

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

FACTS

- 1. On Thursday, August 29, 2019, at approximately 4:55 p.m., Investigators Watson and Teehan ("Investigators") conducted an investigation of the business operation of Shreeji Krishna LLC d/b/a Chico's Wine & Spirits.
- 2. An underage operative, working with Investigators, purchased from the Licensee an alcoholic beverage, a can Bud Light beer, for two dollars and eighty-five cents (\$2.85). The underage operative was not asked for identification.
- 3. The Licensee has updated its point-of-sale system requiring employees to scan the identification in order to complete a transaction.
- 4. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2017 with no prior violations.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2)- Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch.138 § 34- Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. The Commission issues a WARNING.

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Dated: January 13, 2020

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Superior Courts under the provisions of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision.

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