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

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

July 13, 2023

KH RETAIL INC. D/B/A SQUANTUM MARKET & LIQUORS 205 WEST SQUANTUM STREET QUINCY, MA 02453

LICENSE#: 89823-PK-1006 VIOLATION DATE: 1/13/2023

HEARD: 6/6/2023

After a hearing on June 6, 2023, the Commission finds KH Retail Inc. d/b/a Squantum Market & Liquors 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). The Commission suspends the license for a period of one (1) day to be served.

The suspension shall be served on Monday, September 11, 2023. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

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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KH Retail Inc. d/b/a Squantum Market & Liquors (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, June 6, 2023, 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 Teehan's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Teehan's Report;
- 2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved, 7/27/2020;
- 3. Licensee Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Friday, January 13, 2023, Investigators Kenny and Teehan ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of KH Retail Inc. d/b/a Squantum Market & Liquors to determine the way its business was being conducted and to investigate a complaint filed with the Quincy Police Department regarding this Licensee selling alcoholic beverages to underage individuals for curbside pick-up.
- 2. Investigators conducted surveillance outside the licensed premises. At approximately 1:45 p.m., Investigators observed a blue Grand Cherokee motor vehicle with two youthful looking male individuals park in front of the establishment. Investigators observed an employee deliver a 12-pack of Twisted Tea malt beverage to the motor vehicle.
- 3. Investigators approached the motor vehicle, identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.

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- 4. The driver, actual date of birth 5/16/2006 (age 16), stated to Investigators that he had placed the order to purchase the 12-pack of Twisted Tea via telephone. He stated that he was not asked to produce identification.
- 5. Investigators spoke to the clerk on duty and informed him of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further action.
- 6. Mr. Kinjal Patel, Licensee and Manager of Record, appeared at the Commission hearing. The Commission was informed as to steps taken to prevent future sales to underage individuals. The Licensee immediately ceased taking orders for curbside delivery and now requires that all patrons produce identification to the employee at the register. He met with employees and conducted training. In addition, Mr. Patel began the process of purchasing an identification scanner from ID Science.
- 7. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2020 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 1 day.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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Dated: July 13, 2023

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.