

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

January 3, 2025

**SKNM CORP. D/B/A TEELE SQUARE LIQUORS
1119 BROADWAY
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144
LICENSE#: 90215-PK-1130
VIOLATION DATE: 9/13/2024
HEARD: 11/05/2024**

After a hearing on November 5, 2024, the Commission finds SKNM Corp. d/b/a Teele Square 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 (10 Counts).

The Commission **suspends the license for a period of 13 days of which 5 days will be served and 8 days 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.**

The suspension shall commence on Monday, February 24, 2025, and terminate on Friday, February 28, 2025. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on March 1, 2025.

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.

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SKNM Corp. d/b/a Teele Square 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 remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 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 (10 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Licensee stipulated to the facts in Investigator Teehan's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of M. Teehan;
2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved 3/22/2022;
3. Photographs of Fraudulent Identifications;
4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Friday, September 13, 2024, Investigators Anderson, McDonough, and Teehan ("Investigators") observed the business operation of SKNM Corp. d/b/a Teele Square Liquors ("Licensee").
2. At approximately 6:00 p.m. while outside of the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the store in possession of alcoholic beverages: one 12-pack of Twisted Tea; two 1.75-L bottles of Tito's vodka; and a sleeve of Pink Whitney nips. Investigators approached the individual, identified themselves and asked to see proof of lawful age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.

3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 5/31/2006 (age 18), stated to Investigators that he was not 21 years of age and that he used a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
4. At approximately 6:05 p.m. while outside of the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the store in possession of alcoholic beverages: one bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey and one sleeve of Fireball nips. Investigators approached the individual, identified themselves and asked to see proof of lawful age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
5. Underage #2, actual date of birth 8/05/2005 (age 18), stated to Investigators that he was not 21 years of age and that he used a Massachusetts driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
6. At approximately 7:06 p.m. while outside the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the store in possession of alcoholic beverages: one 12-pack of Twisted Tea; one 8-pack of Surfside Hard Seltzers; one 25-ounce can of Four Loko; two bottles of Smirnoff Ice; one 12-pack of Miller High Life beer, and one Beat Box pre-mixed drink. Investigators approached the individual, identified themselves and asked to see proof of lawful age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
7. Underage #3, actual date of birth 1/30/2004 (age 20) stated to Investigators that he was not 21 years of age and that he used a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
8. At approximately 7:35 p.m., Investigators observed two youthful appearing male individuals exit the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages: one 750-ml bottle of Malibu rum; one 12-pack of Modelo beer; and one sleeve of Fireball nips. Investigators approached the individuals, identified themselves and asked to see proof of lawful age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
9. Underage #4, actual date of birth 2/01/2006 (age 18), stated to Investigators that he was not 21 years of age and that he used a fraudulent California driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
10. Underage #5, actual date of birth 2/01/2006 (age 18), stated to Investigators that he was not 21 years of age and that he used a fraudulent California driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
11. At approximately 8:25 p.m., Investigators observed two youthful appearing male individuals exit the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages: one 12-pack of Twisted Tea and three 25-ounce cans of Corona beer. Investigators approached the individuals, identified themselves and asked to see proof of lawful age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
12. Underage #6, actual date of birth 1/14/2004 (age 20), stated to Investigators that he was not 21 years of age and that he used a fraudulent Minnesota driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.

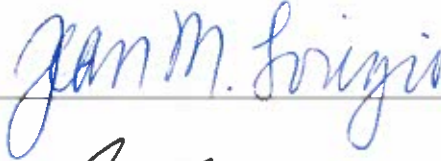
13. Underage #7, actual date of birth 1/29/2004 (age 20), stated to Investigators that he was not 21 years of age and that he used a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
14. At approximately 8:40 p.m. while outside the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual exit the store in possession of alcoholic beverages: one 30-pack of Busch Light beer; one 1.75-l bottle of Sea Ice vodka; and one 6-pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer. Investigators approached the individual, identified themselves and asked to see proof of lawful age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
15. Underage #8, actual date of birth 9/08/2004 (age 20), stated to Investigators that he was not 21 years of age and that he used a fraudulent Pennsylvania driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
16. At approximately 9:05 p.m., Investigators observed two youthful appearing female individuals exit the licensed premises in possession of alcoholic beverages: two boxes of Franzia wine. Investigators approached the individuals, identified themselves and asked to see proof of lawful age to purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages.
17. Underage #9, actual date of birth 6/17/2004 (age 20), stated to Investigators she was not 21 years of age and that she used a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
18. Underage #10, actual date of birth 9/09/2005 (age 19), stated to Investigators that she was not 21 years of age and that she used a fraudulent Maine driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages.
19. Investigators informed the clerk on duty of the above violations and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further action.
20. Nitesh Patel, sole officer and director of the Licensee entity and manager of record, appeared at the Commission hearing. Mr. Patel testified as to efforts to prevent underage individuals from procuring alcoholic beverages in the future, including upgrading the store's identification scanner.
21. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2022 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 (10 Counts). Therefore, the Commission **suspends the license for a period of 13 days of which 5 days will be served and 8 days 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: January 3, 2025

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