

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

### **DECISION**

GANGLANI CORP. D/B/A REDSTONE LIQUORS 109 MAIN STREET STONEHAM, MA 02180 LICENSE#: 00016-PK-1242

VIOLATION DATE: 5/13/2019

HEARD: 2/25/2020

Ganglani Corp. d/b/a Redstone Liquors (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, February 25, 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 Keefe's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Keefe's Compliance Check Field Report;
- 2. Licensee Stipulation of Fact;
- 3. Copy of License Transfer Application Summary Review Approval, 9/11/2008.
- A. Photograph of Point of Sale System Screen;
- B. Employee Termination Report re: Bruce Hilliard;
- C. eTips Certification of Bruce Hilliard, 8/30/18.

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

#### FACTS

1. On Monday, May 13, 2019<sup>1</sup>, at approximately 7:19 p.m., Investigators Di Cicco and Keefe ("Investigators") conducted an investigation of the business operation of Ganglani Corp. d/b/a Redstone Liquors.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior to the hearing Associate General Counsel Kyle Gill noted that the correct violation date was May 13, 2019 not April 13, 2019 as written in the Investigator's report.

- 2. An underage operative, working with Investigators, purchased from the Licensee an alcoholic beverage, a can of Bud Light beer. The underage operative was not asked for identification.
- 3. Kamal Ganglani, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified that all employees are Tips certified and are trained to request identification from patrons who appear to be 40 years of age or younger.
- 4. Mr. Ganglani testified that they have a safeguard on their point of sale system which prompts employees to answer a question as to whether or not a patron was asked for identification. The sale cannot be processed until the employee answers the question. In addition, the legal date by which someone must have been born to be 21 years of age or older is displayed on the screen at all times.
- 5. An internal investigation was conducted after which the employee who made the sale on the night of the incident was terminated.
- 6. Mr. Ganglani testified that he conducted a meeting with all staff members about the importance of checking identification, and his zero-tolerance policy for violations.
- 7. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2008 with one prior violation which occurred more than seven years ago.

## **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**.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner

Dated: February 27, 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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