



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

October 31, 2019

**RANCHOD INC. D/B/A THE LIQUOR LOCKER
3021 CRANBERRY HIGHWAY
WAREHAM, MA 02532
LICENSE#: 89275-PK-1328
VIOLATION DATE: 6/08/2019
HEARING DATE: 10/29/2019**

After a hearing on October 29, 2019, the Commission finds Ranchod Inc. d/b/a The Liquor Locker violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 Counts).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of four (4) days of which (2) days will be served and two (2) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

The suspension shall commence on Monday, December 16, 2019 and terminate on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the Licensee on December 18, 2019.

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.

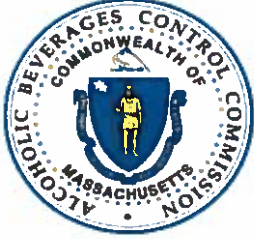
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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DECISION

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Ranchod Inc. d/b/a The Liquor Locker (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the violation alleged in Investigator Velez's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigator Velez's Report;
2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts;
3. Copy of License Transfer Approval, 3/01/2018;
4. Photocopies of Fraudulent Driver's Licenses;
5. RMV Printout for Minor.

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

FACTS

1. On Friday, June 8, 2019, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Investigators Keefe and Velez ("Investigators") investigated the business operation of Ranchod Inc. d/b/a The Liquor Locker to determine how its business was being conducted.
2. While outside of the licensed premises, Investigators observed a youthful appearing female individual enter the premises and minutes later, exit carrying a brown bag containing alcoholic beverages. Investigators approached the individual, identified themselves, and asked to see proof of legal age.

3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 1/05/2001 (age 18) was in possession of one 750 ml bottle of Ciroc Apple vodka. Underage #1 presented to Investigators a fraudulent Maine driver's license.
4. Investigators continued their surveillance and at approximately 8:20 p.m., Investigators observed a youthful appearing male individual enter the premises and minutes later, exit the store in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators approached the individual, identified themselves, and asked to see proof of legal age.
5. Underage #2, actual date of birth 6/25/2001 (age 18) was in possession of an 18-pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer and one 375 ml bottle of Evan Williams bourbon whiskey. Underage #2 presented to Investigators a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license.
6. Investigators entered the licensed premises and spoke with an employee, Anthony Rose. Investigators identified the underage patron to Rose.
7. Investigators informed Rose of the violations, and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further action.
8. Mr. Suhas Patel, owner and license manager, appeared at the Commission hearing. Patel testified that since this incident, he no longer accepts out-of-state identifications, and he now uses a scanning application to assist in evaluating identifications.
9. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2018 with no prior violations.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (2 Counts). Therefore, the Commission **suspends the license for a period of four (4) days of which (2) days will be served and two (2) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner



Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Dated: October 31, 2019

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