

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

South Meriden Package Store  
South Meriden Package Store LLC, Backer  
Jenny Ojeda, Permittee  
Permit No. LIP.15277  
Docket No. 2016-167

Case No. 2015-1119  
April 5, 2016

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

This matter involves a package store liquor permit issued to South Meriden Package Store, 109 Main Street, Meriden, Connecticut. A formal administrative hearing was held before the Department of Consumer Protection on March 24, 2016. Michael Ojeda, husband of Jenny Ojeda, the permittee, appeared on her behalf.

The allegations against the permit premises arose from a joint investigation conducted by the Department of Consumer Protection's Liquor Control Division and the Meriden Police Department. It is alleged that on or about September 26, 2015, the Respondent sold or delivered alcoholic liquor to a minor in violation of Section 30-86(b), Connecticut General Statutes. The Respondent admitted the violation and the matter proceeded to a hearing.

The following facts are found based upon the evidence adduced at the hearing. On September 26, 2015, the Department of Consumer Protection's Liquor Control Division and the Meriden Police Department conducted underage drinking compliance checks in Meriden, utilizing a female undercover operative whose date of birth is December 30, 1994. She was 20 years of age at the time

and thus a minor. As identification, she carried her valid Connecticut driver's license with her correct date of birth. Prior to commencing the compliance checks, she was instructed by Supervising Liquor Control Agent Burk to show her valid identification if requested and to provide her correct age if asked.

At approximately 12:25 p.m., Supervising Agent Burk entered South Meriden Package Store. A short time later, the undercover minor entered. She obtained a 6-pack of Seagram's Jamaican Me Happy malt beverage and approached the sales counter to purchase the beer. Supervising Agent Burk was in close proximity to the minor and had a clear and unobstructed view of the transaction. The permittee asked the undercover minor for her age identification. She presented her valid Connecticut driver's license. The clerk examined the identification and returned it to the minor. The transaction was completed, and the minor left the premises in possession of the alcohol; Supervising Agent Burk exited shortly thereafter.

Therefore, based upon the Respondent's admission and the substantial evidence presented, we hereby find the Respondent guilty of violating Section 30-86(b), Connecticut General Statutes, as alleged. The Liquor Control Act grants the Liquor Control Commission a liberal discretionary power to determine factual matters with regard to liquor permits and to suspend or revoke the permit after a hearing. Balog v. Liquor Control Commission, 150 Conn. 473, 191 A.2d 20 (1963).

The Respondent's liquor permit is suspended for a period of three (3) days and for an additional ten (10) days. In lieu of the additional 10-day suspension,

however, we will accept payment of a fine of \$750 in accordance with Sections 30-6-A8(i) and (k) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.


**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

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