

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

Norman Grocery & Deli House  
Sara Usman, Permittee and Backer  
Permit No. LGB.14672  
Docket No. 2013-32

Case No. 2012-387  
March 7, 2013

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

This matter involves a grocery beer liquor permit issued to Norman Grocery & Deli House, 232 Maplewood Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. A formal administrative hearing was held before the Department of Consumer Protection on January 3, 2013. Proper notice of the hearing was provided to the Respondent, however, the Respondent failed to appear at the hearing.

The allegations against the permit premises arose from a joint investigation conducted by the Department of Consumer Protection's Liquor Control Division and the Bridgeport Police Department. It is alleged that on or about March 9, 2012, the Respondent sold or delivered alcoholic liquor to a minor in violation of Section 30-86, Connecticut General Statutes. It is further alleged that the Respondent failed to record her liquor permit with the Bridgeport Town Clerk in violation of Section 30-53, Connecticut General Statutes.

The following facts are found based upon the evidence adduced at the hearing. On March 9, 2012, the Department of Consumer Protection's Liquor Control Division and the Bridgeport Police Department conducted underage drinking compliance checks in Bridgeport utilizing a female undercover operative whose date of birth is March 21, 1995. She was 16 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. At approximately 8:26 p.m., Special Agent Colla entered Norman Grocery & Deli House. The undercover minor entered shortly after Special Agent Colla. She proceeded to the beer cooler and obtained a 24 oz. bottle of Corona beer. The sales clerk asked the undercover operative for her identification and she provided her valid Connecticut driver's license with her correct date of birth. The license was in the vertical format with the notation "Under 21 Until 3-21-16." The clerk, later identified as Malik Usman, looked at the identification and sold the minor the beer. The minor exited in possession of the alcohol and Special Agent Colla, who had observed the entire transaction, exited the premises shortly after her.

Special Agent Colla returned to the premises later that evening and observed that the liquor permit had not been filed with the Bridgeport Town clerk.

Therefore, based upon the substantial evidence presented, we hereby find the Respondent guilty of violating Section 30-86 and Section 30-53, 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 thirteen (13) days.

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

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Angelo J. Faenza, Commissioner

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Stephen R. Somma, Commissioner

**Parties:**

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