STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF

Noel Dominguez, Permittee Son Convenience, LLC 300 Putnam Street Bridgeport, CT 06608

Liquor Permit LGB-15177

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

This matter involves a grocery store beer permit issued to Son Convenience, 300 Putnam Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. A formal administrative hearing was held before the Department of Consumer Protection on July 27, 2017. Despite proper notice, no one from Son Convenience appeared.

The allegations against the permit premises arose from a joint investigation conducted on March 23, 2017 by the Department of Consumer Protection's Liquor Control Division, the Department of Revenue Services and the Department of Labor. The investigation found violations of Sections 30-6-A24 (a), 30-6-A12, and 30-6-A40(i) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Section 30-54 of the Connecticut General Statutes in that the Respondent was selling untaxed cigarettes, selling loose cigarettes, several beer prices were missing, the liquor permittee name sign was not posted anywhere on the premises, and the current liquor permit was found on the floor behind the sales counter.

At the hearing, Special Agent Philip Colla testified to the specifics of the inspection and the violations that were found.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, we hereby find the Respondent guilty of violating the charges 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 fine, suspend or revoke the permit after a hearing. <u>Balog v. Liquor Control Commission</u>, 150 Conn. 473, 191 A.2d 20 (1963).

The Respondent's liquor permit is suspended for a period of one (1) day and he shall pay a fine in the amount of \$750.00.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

BY:

Anne K. Stiber, Designated Hearing Officer

Angelo & Faenza, Commissi

David A. Scribner, Commissioner

Non-Parties:

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