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2 9:48 a.m.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The next case on  
4 our calendar is case no. 19-CC-00114, Sushi Para,  
5 license number 88557. Would the parties please  
6 approach and identify themselves for the record  
7 please?

8 MR. FACCI: Good morning, members of  
9 the board. Jason Facci on behalf of the  
10 District.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr.  
12 Facci.

13 MR. REINDONG: Good morning and happy  
14 new year for everyone. My name is Shashane  
15 Reindong from Sushi Para.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr.  
17 Reindong. Are there any preliminary matters in  
18 this case?

19 MR. FACCI: Yes. Mr. Chairman, we do  
20 have an offer in compromise.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And what is that,  
22 please?

23 MR. FACCI: That would be as to charge  
24 1, a warning.

25 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Reindong, it's

1 my understanding that there is an offer in  
2 compromise, and the offer in compromise is that  
3 there is a written warning will be issued. Is  
4 this your understanding of the offer in  
5 compromise?

6 MR. REINDONG: Yes, I understand.

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Are you aware that  
8 by accepting an offer in compromise that you're  
9 giving up your right to a hearing?

10 MR. REINDONG: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Are you also aware  
12 that by accepting an offer in compromise that  
13 you're giving up your right to appeal this  
14 matter?

15 MR. REINDONG: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: With that said I  
17 then make a motion that the offer in compromise  
18 of a written warning be issued in this case. Is  
19 there a second?

20 MR. SHORT: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
22 seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye?

23 (Chorus of ayes)

24 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Those opposed?

25 The matter passed 5-0-0.

1           Mr. Reindong, one of the reasons why  
2 you were brought here today for this matter, we  
3 have our sale to minor infractions where we send  
4 in an undercover minor to go to your  
5 establishment to try to buy alcohol.

6           In your particular case, sir, we sent  
7 in a 15-year-old young woman to purchase alcohol.  
8 She looks like she's 14 or 15 years old. She  
9 does not look like she is 21 years old.

10           That should be a freebie that this  
11 young woman should show up into your  
12 establishment and if she orders alcohol then all  
13 your servers should say are you crazy or  
14 something. You're a little girl.

15           So how is that your establishment sold  
16 her alcohol, sir?

17           MR. REINDONG: We were going to --  
18 mostly we were looking for the license.

19           CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: But she showed you  
20 her license that says she's 15 years old. She  
21 looks 15. She looks 15. She either has a  
22 license or a passport that said she is 15.

23           I'm trying to figure out in the  
24 specific whether or not you guys even checked --  
25 your server asked her for her license. She

1 showed it to you. It said that she was born in  
2 2004. I mean, how is it that -- and I don't know  
3 -- how is it that the license is different.

4 MR. REINDONG: In this situation from  
5 my understanding is my servers talked to me. At  
6 that time that is very busy.

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: That's still  
8 unacceptable, sir. It can't be busy because the  
9 license is different. She looks 15.

10 MR. REINDONG: She looking like 15?

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes. She looks  
12 like a 15-year-old. She doesn't look 21. So you  
13 can't tell me that your server is busy because if  
14 we send someone in -- if she was 18, 19 or 20,  
15 you would have just been issued a warning  
16 administratively and you wouldn't come in.

17 But she is 15 years old and she looks  
18 like she's 15 years old.

19 MR. REINDONG: Well, in this case for  
20 the -- my employee, they didn't really pay  
21 attention to reach the license information.  
22 That's when they talked to me.

23 I will go into -- going back to the  
24 restaurant talk to the person who sell the liquor  
25 to the 15 years old whatever, the kid. And I am

1 going to give them really warnings about that.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: You're going to do  
3 what, sir?

4 MR. REINDONG: Warning.

5 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I  
6 didn't understand that.

7 MR. REINDONG: I will go into tell  
8 them don't do that again, please.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I can't mandate  
10 it, but I believe that -- you know that we offer  
11 trainings, how to look at IDs. And it's not a  
12 fake ID so you need -- you and your employees  
13 need to undergo training.

14 MR. REINDONG: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Because this is  
16 just unacceptable that your establishment can  
17 sell alcohol to a 15-year-old that we sent in.

18 We don't know what happens daily. And  
19 you should know that if -- I mean, all our  
20 license are horizontal. That's what our license  
21 is. The license that are legal are horizontal.  
22 License that are younger than 21 are vertical.

23 MR. REINDONG: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And we're now in  
25 2020. So therefore even if one can't calculate

1 you have to be born before 1999 to get liquor.  
2 You don't even have to calculate. I mean, I  
3 think anyone can say, okay, you have to be 21.  
4 She was born in 2004 and this is like 2019.  
5 That's not a 21-year difference. That's just an  
6 easy one, sir.

7 I hope that I don't have the  
8 opportunity of seeing you here again for this  
9 type of incident.

10 MR. REINDONG: Yes. Yes. I hope so  
11 too. I will go in to have my employee take a  
12 training again every month. I will go in to talk  
13 to them about renewal of the liquor license. And  
14 I'm going to take a training again, yes.

15 MR. SHORT: Real quick?

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

17 MR. SHORT: Mr. Lu, are you aware that  
18 we give free training here at ABRA?

19 MR. REINDONG: Okay.

20 MR. SHORT: Before you leave today you  
21 can go to the front desk and register, find when  
22 the next training is and that should help you out  
23 so we don't see you with this anymore.

24 MR. REINDONG: Okay. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And remember at

1 the end of the day the ding is on your license  
2 and you're the one who's paying the fine. So if  
3 you want to pay the fine, if you're making that  
4 much money and you decide that you want to give  
5 the government some free money go ahead, but  
6 you'll have points and fines on your license,  
7 sir. Okay?

8 MR. REINDONG: I don't make enough  
9 money, believe me.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Have a good day,  
11 sir.

12 MR. REINDONG: Thank you very much.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
14 went off the record at 9:55 a.m.)  
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