

Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation**Application Information**

Business Name	T & C CONVENIENCE STORE	District	5
Business Location	4812 North 35 AVENUE		
Applicant Names	Cimo Berrada	Series Type	10

Mr. Cimo Berrada has applied for a new series 10 liquor license at T & C Convenience Store located at 4812 North 35 Avenue.

The Police Department recommends disapproval of this liquor license application for the following reasons:

Mr. Cimo Berrada is not reliable, capable or qualified to receive a liquor license.

Officers contacted Cimo Berrada at his place of employment, Quicken Loans, where he works as the director of mortgage banking. During the interview Cimo Berrada stated that he works 6 days a week from 7 am to 7 pm. Cimo Berrada, when asked who would manage the store in his absence, stated his parents, Khalid Berrada and Khadouï Ghannam. Cimo Berrada then added that the store was an "investment" and he would be more involved in the day to day operation after his retirement.

Officers contacted Cimo Berrada's parents, Khalid Berrada and Khadouï Ghannam, as they were actively managing the T & C Convenience Store. Upon entering the store officers observed dust covering all the items displayed for sale. Additionally they noticed that no price tags were visible on any of the displayed merchandise. The store had several tobacco pipes and tobacco products displayed for sale behind the front counter. Officers examined the cigarette cartons and observed none of the cartons displayed the required tax stamp.

Officers believed the store more closely resembled a tobacco and accessory "smoke" shop. They conducted a background check on Khalid Berrada and found him to have a valid felony warrant for the Sale of Dangerous Drugs. In addition to the felony warrant Khalid Berrada had been arrested for The Sale of Dangerous Drugs, Possession of Dangerous Drugs and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia by the Phoenix Police Department in 2014, and 2016, as documented in reports: 2016-128253 and 2014-01660159A.

Officers returned to the T & C Convenience Store and arrested Khalid Berrada for the felony warrant. A search incident to his arrest found him in possession of \$1,969.00 in cash. While attending to the arrest of Khalid, Officers observed a green substance resembling the drug "spice" in plain view behind the front counter. Officers obtained a search warrant for the property (2018-1716800) and recovered 7 ounces of "spice", scales and ledgers documenting both the sale of drugs and the illegal sale of cigarettes from the store.

In addition to the current and prior drug violations, Khalid Berrada has past tobacco violations regarding unlicensed tobacco sales and failing to maintain invoices on tobacco sales.

Khadouï Ghannam admitted during an interview that she and Khalid Berrada illegally sold cigarettes at the store, and Cimo Berrada had purchased the T & C Convenience Store for her.

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Following the arrest of Khalid Berrada, Cimo Berrada contacted officers by phone and stated that he was fully aware of his father's previous criminal history, but claimed to not be aware they were currently selling drugs out of the store. Cimo Berrada admitted his inability to operate a liquor licensed establishment, when he stated he was unaware of the illegal conduct at the business, because he had not been in the store for quite some time. Cimo Berrada then admitted to lying on the application, stating that he had purchased the business, T & C Convenience Store, with the sole intention of giving it to his parents.

Due to the listed reasons Mr. Cimo Berrada is not reliable, capable or qualified as an applicant.

This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Det. R. Gokool 7605

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