



Alcohol and Tobacco Control State of Louisiana

ATC Suspends Tobacco Permit of Metairie Business Found to be Selling Illegal Drugs

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Baton Rouge, LA – Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) Commissioner Troy Hebert issued an emergency suspension of the state tobacco permit for a Metairie convenience store after receiving evidence from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO) that illegal drugs were found on the premise.

On March 31, 2015, ATC issued a notice of suspension to Amireh LLC, conducting business as United Food Store, located at 3500 Airline Dr., Metairie, Louisiana, after receiving information from JPSO that eight bags containing naphthoylindoles, which is a Schedule I drug, and twenty-eight pills containing amphetamine, which is a Schedule II drug, were found on the licensed premise. Saed Amireh, the son of the owner of the business, was also arrested by JPSO for possession with intent to distribute controlled dangerous substances.

“Businesses that break the law and pose a risk to public safety do not deserve the privilege of holding state alcohol and tobacco permits,” said ATC Commissioner Troy Hebert.

ATC previously revoked the alcohol permit for the business in September 2013 for interposed persons.

An administrative hearing will be held on April 24, 2015, in New Orleans to address the violations.

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