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**POUGHKEEPSIE CONVENIENCE STORE LOSES LIQUOR LICENSE**  
**Liquor Authority's Rapid Enforcement Unit Investigation Results in Suspension**

*Poughkeepsie, NY* - The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) summarily suspended the license of Musa M Hadeyyah, doing business as Quick Stop Convenient Store at 67 Worrall Avenue in Poughkeepsie today. The suspension was ordered by the Members of the State Liquor Authority, Chairman Daniel B. Boyle, Commissioner Lawrence J. Gedda, and Commissioner Noreen Healey at an emergency meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2006. The Members of the Authority determined the store posed an imminent threat to the public.

An investigation by the State Liquor Authority's Rapid Enforcement Unit (REU), working on a referral from the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, led to the emergency suspension. The licensee of Quick Stop was arrested on July 20, 2006 for giving alcohol to a minor at the licensed premises. Poughkeepsie Police charged the licensee with one count of unlawfully dealing with a child in the first degree and one count of endangering the welfare of a child. The licensee's brother was also arrested by Poughkeepsie Police for giving alcohol and marijuana at the licensed premises to four females, ages 12, 13, 14 and 15. He was charged with three counts of unlawfully dealing with a child in the first degree and three counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

"I commend the SLA Board for taking swift action in response to these appalling allegations," State Liquor Authority Chief Executive Officer, Joshua B. Toas said. "The Members of the Liquor Authority sent a clear message today that this type of behavior will not be tolerated."

On April 11, 2006, Governor Pataki directed the SLA to establish a Rapid Enforcement Unit within the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to conduct priority investigations and institute prompt disciplinary action when allegations of criminal activity and serious repeat violations of the ABC Law occur. The REU immediately responds to allegations of criminal activity and serious repeat violations of the ABC Law. The REU coordinates with law

enforcement to quickly react to emergency situations, prosecute disciplinary charges and refer matters to the Members of the Authority for action.

The State Administrative Procedure Act authorizes a State agency to summarily suspend a license when the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. When the SLA summarily suspends a liquor license, it also serves upon the licensee a Notice of Pleading alleging one or more disciplinary violations. In invoking a summary suspension, the SLA has deemed the violation(s), considering each licensee's disciplinary history, to be sufficiently serious upon initial review to warrant an immediate suspension.

The SLA's decision to summarily suspend a license is not a final determination on the merits of the case. The licensee is entitled to an expedited hearing before an administrative law judge to address the alleged violation(s) that led to the suspension. An order of summary suspension remains in effect until such time as it is modified by the State Liquor Authority or a reviewing Court.

The State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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