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SDD Licensees in the Detroit Metropolitan Area RE: MLCC Impersonators

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission ("MLCC") recently became aware of the possibility of individuals impersonating MLCC Investigators in the Detroit metropolitan area. The suspects reportedly attempt to gain access behind the locked counter areas of off-premises licensed establishments.

The Commission wants to advise its licensees to be cautious and to require proper identification from any persons representing themselves to be MLCC investigators or other law enforcement officers. All MLCC Investigators have proper identification that identifies them as Investigators with the Enforcement Division of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The identification includes a badge and an identification card with a photograph of the Investigator along with a physical description.

Please take extra precautions in verifying the identity of persons representing themselves to be Investigators with the Enforcement Division of the MLCC or other law enforcement agencies.

- Ask to review the person's official identification.
- Look at the identification closely to ensure the photograph matches the person.
- Review the physical description on the back of the ID card (height, weight, eye color and hair color) to match the person.
- Verify that the identification card and badge represent State of Michigan; Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth; Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Enforcement Division.
- Ask to see a business card or other identification as a secondary verification of the person's identity.
- Call the District Office phone number on the business card and speak to a Supervisor to verify the identity of the person.
- If still not satisfied, call your local police department and if it's truly one of our investigators they will wait for police to come, if it's an imposter, they'll most likely leave.

If you receive any suspicious visits from anyone identifying themselves as MLCC Investigators, please call the Enforcement Division's Farmington Office at (248) 888-8710 or Lansing Office at (517) 322-1370 and ask to speak to a Supervisor.

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