



**MILLERSVILLE MARYLAND**

WRITTEN DIRECTIVE

MEMORANDUM: 04-004

FILE BEHIND: Index Code 2190

TO: All Personnel

FROM: P. Thomas Shanahan *PTS*  
Chief of Police

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 23, 2004

SUBJECT: **Enforcement - Alcohol Sale to Minors**

BACKGROUND

Citing a March 28, 2003, Maryland Court of Appeals ruling, the County Liquor Board is asking that the department cease issuing criminal citations on "alcohol sales to minors" in cases involving liquor establishments. The ruling for *only* this particular offense advises that the Alcohol Commission (Liquor Board) must wait until the case is adjudicated before the Liquor Board can have a hearing. Additionally, if the case results in an acquittal or PBJ, the Liquor Board loses jurisdiction and cannot administer subsequent discipline to the liquor establishment. The Liquor Board would prefer that officers not immediately issue a criminal citation to a store clerk until the Liquor Board conducts a hearing on the specific incident.

PROCEDURE

Officers will delay the issuance of a criminal citation in situations as cited above. A report of the incident should be forwarded to the Liquor Board for hearing purposes. Once the Liquor Board adjudicates the case, officers may go back and charge the clerk criminally.