

A warning has been given to Acapulcos Restaurant on Rte. 20 for serving alcohol to a 20-year-old two weeks ago.

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Selectmen on Tuesday debated whether to hand down a harsher penalty - a one-day suspension - but decided to go along with the recommendation of Police Chief Richard Glavin.

In addition to the warning, selectmen ordered the bartenders at Acapulcos to be recertified in Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) within the next 30 days and that the device the restaurant uses to check IDs be moved up front.

Two days before the violation occurred on May 15, Glavin said, a woman told police that her ex-boyfriend frequented Acapulcos and had been served, despite only being 20.

Glavin said an officer spoke with restaurant management and suggested that they be more vigilant. But two days later the woman called again and said her boyfriend was at the restaurant drinking again. Police went to the restaurant and saw the man with a beer.

Carlos Jimenez, Acapulcos manager, chose not to give his side of the story to selectmen, but he said the incident was the first infraction since he has managed the restaurant for the past nine months.

Selectman Larry O'Brien said it was disturbing that police spoke with Acapulcos the first time and within 72 hours they were caught.