

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 – 11:00 AM
ROOM 215 - CITY HALL - 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410) 396-4380 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

11:00 a.m. cases

I. New Applications, Transfers and Hardship Extensions :

- 1. Jaswinder Singh & Andre Butler, 1542 Singh. LLC T/a Langermann's on Light, 1542 Light Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – - Application to transfer ownership with request for live entertainment
- 2. Samuel Curreri, Sammy's Enoteca, LLC T/a Sammy's Enoteca, 621-35 S. Broadway** - Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Rule 2.08 requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people
- 3. Shirley Barner T/a Shirley's Honey Hole, 2300 E. Oliver Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of Article 2B Section 10-504(d)
- 4. Bechara Nammour, Patrick j. Buttarazzi, Jr and Sarah Conlin, J Paul's Harborplace, Inc T/a J Paul's Restaurant** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of Article 2B Section 10-504(d)

II. Violations:

- 1. Christopher Nwaeze & Musibau Shittu, Anyado Group, LLC T/a Oxygen Lounge, 10 S. Calvert Street-** Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct-** March 22, 2015 – At approximately 2:30am Baltimore Police Officer John Witter was on routine foot patrol when he observed a large crowd gathered in front of the establishment after hours. Witter then went about dispersing the crowd and was requested by club staff to enter the premise to investigate an assault that occurred within the establishment. As a result of the physical altercation that occurred in the club, the victim was transported to the hospital.

Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare- March 22, 2015 – At approximately 2:30am Baltimore Police Officer John Witter was on routine foot patrol when he observed a large crowd gathered in front of the establishment after hours. Witter

then went about dispersing the crowd and was requested by club staff to enter the premise to investigate an assault that occurred within the establishment. As a result of the physical altercation that occurred in the club, the victim was transported to the hospital.

Violation of Rule – 3.12 Public Welfare – March 22, 2015 – At approximately 2:30am, while at the establishment in response to an assault, Baltimore Police Officer John Witter observed a male patron of the establishment leave the bar and openly urinate on the sidewalk. Witter approached the male and conducted a field interview. While conducting Witter discovered that the male had not identification on his person and was allowed into the establishment. While conducting the interview with the male patron the promoter of the event being held at the establishment spoke with Witter and told him the male patron was with him and told Witter he had brought the patron to the establishment.

Violation of Rule 4.05 Prohibited Hours – March 22, 2015 – At approximately 2:30am Baltimore Police Officer John Witter was on location inside of the establishment conducting an investigation into an assault. While on the premise Witter observed 20 people sitting on couches with alcoholic beverages either in their hands or placed in front them. The establishment’s license only allows them to serve alcoholic beverages until 2:00 am.

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III. Violations:

1. **Stephanie Kuzma & Andrea Burkert, Exile on Broadway, LLC T/a The Rockwell, 702 S. Broadway** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License- **Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct** – March 14, 2015 – At approximately 6:15 pm, BLLC inspector John Chrissomalliss responded to the establishment. While there Chrissomalliss observed two individuals directly in front of the establishment with open containers in their hands. One individual had a bottle of Budweiser and the other appeared to have a mixed drink in a clear plastic cup in her hand. Chrissomalliss then observed the two individuals to continue to stand directly outside the bar and drink. While observing these individuals, Chrissomalliss observed numerous individuals enter and exit the establishment with drinks in hand. In addition, Chrissomalliss observed that there was no security guard present to either check the identifications of patrons or ensure that open containers were not allowed to be taken out of the establishment.

Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare – March 14, 2015 – At approximately 6:30 pm, BLLC inspector John Chrissomalliss entered the establishment after making preliminary observations that patrons were allowed to enter and exit the establishment with open containers. At this time he made contact with one of the

bar managers who identified herself as the manager. At this time, Chrissomalliss observed 40-50 patrons in the bar. Chrissomalliss asked the manager how she manages to ensure that patrons do not exit the establishment with open containers, and she stated it "was not an issue." When asked about the lack of a security guard to patrol and card/id check patrons, she stated that the security guard would "get here around 9:00pm." At this time, Chrissomalliss informed that bar manager that the establishment's operation must conform to BLLC rules and regulations.

Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare – March 21, 2015 – At approximately 1:45 am, BLLC inspector John Chrissomalliss and Lt. William Coburn responded to an assault allegedly going on in front of the establishment. Upon arrival both Chrissomalliss and Coburn came into contact with the victim who stated he was hit over the head with an object by the assailant, who fled the scene. While present, Chrissomalliss and Coburn observed a large group of people gathered around the victim. About 8-10 of the individuals had various bottles of beer and clear cups from which they were consuming alcoholic beverages.

2. **Jose Ribdeneria 509-13 Broadway, t/a Latin Palace, Latin Palace Numero Uno** - Class "B" Beer, Wine, Liquor License, **Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare**– April 19, 2015 – At approximately 1:20 am, Inspector Chrissomalliss received two 311 complaints for loud music, disturbing the peace, and a violation of the MOU between the licensee, community association, and next door neighbor which stemmed from the establishment. At that time Inspector Chrissomalliss went to the establishment and made observations for approximately 20 minutes. Inspector Chrissomalliss entered the establishment and observed approximately 20-25 people dancing on a dance floor to music being played by a D.J. As per the restriction on the license, this licensee cannot offer dancing to the general public. At that time, Inspector Chrissomalliss made contact with the owner and informed him of the infraction.

Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare– April 23, 2015 – At approximately 11:00 pm, Chief Inspector Jones received a neighbor's complaint for loud music, disturbing the peace, and a violation of the MOU between the licensee, community association, and next door neighbor which stemmed from the establishment. At that time Jones responded to the establishment and observed advertisements for live entertainment inside the establishment. Jones identified himself as a representative from the BLLC and observed a live band playing on stage. The live band consisted of multiple instrumentalists whose instruments were being amplified by a speaker system. Jones observed the noise level to be extreme and disturbing. At that time, Jones made contact with the owner and informed him of the infraction.

Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct– May 6, 2015 – At approximately 9:30 pm, Inspector Chrissomalliss received complaints concerning the loading of equipment into the establishment for the purposes of allowing a live band to

play at the establishment. Chrissomallis responded to the scene and made observations through the front window. Chrissomallis observed a singer on stage performing. At that time he made contact with the owner and the owner stated that this was a private show that was booked three months in advance. Chrissomallis also observed performers on stage playing instruments and singing both of which were amplified by a speaker system. At that time, Inspector Chrissomallis informed the owner of the infraction.

Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct– May 29, 2015 – The BLLC received complaints concerning the advertisement of an event that promoted live entertainment by flyers that placed throughout the immediate neighborhood. This is in direct violation of the board decision to not approve live entertainment. BLLC inspectors went to the location on the evening of May 29, 2015 to find out the event had been canceled.

3. **Elaine Fordham, Isis, LLC, Isis Lounge, 226-28 Park Avenue, - Class “BD7” Beer, Wine and Liquor, Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct** – May 12, 2015 – At approximately 10:28 pm Baltimore City Police responded to the scene of the establishment for a shooting. Upon arrival Police interviewed and made contact with the victim, a Mr. Nathaniel Cottman, the bouncer of the establishment who stated he was shot when extracting a patron from the premises. The patron had attempted to enter the women’s bathroom and was stopped by security. Mr. Cottman, along with another bouncer, removed the patron from interior and exited him from the establishment. Upon turning around and reentering the establishment Mr. Cottman heard a shot and felt a pain on his side. He had been shot from by the patron who was outside of the establishment. The shooter ran from the area after the shots were fired.

Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare – March 14, 2015 – May 12, 2015 – At approximately 10:28 pm Baltimore City Police responded to the scene of the establishment for a shooting. Upon arrival Police interviewed and made contact with the victim, a Mr. Nathaniel Cottman, the bouncer of the establishment who stated he was shot when extracting a patron from the premises. The patron had attempted to enter the women’s bathroom and was stopped by security. Mr. Cottman, along with another bouncer, removed the patron from interior and exited him from the establishment. Upon turning around and reentering the establishment Mr. Cottman heard a shot and felt a pain on his side. He had been shot from by the patron who was outside of the establishment. The shooter ran from the area after the shots were fired.

****Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above, items may be moved and postponed items can be heard early to move the agenda forward. Also note that parties are asked to submit and written requests and all documents and requests to the liquor board at least 72 hours before the scheduled hearing.***