

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
ROOM 215 - CITY HALL - 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

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11:00 a.m.

I. Violations:

- 1. Bruce Richardson and Michael White, The Sobo Taco Spot, T/a Banditos, 1118 S. Charles Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – May 13, 2017 –** At approximately 1:40 AM Baltimore City Police Officer Goodwin responded to the establishment for a call for service related to a “cutting.” Upon arrival Officer Goodwin observed 3 males on location (Dimitri Gaither, Rodney Johnson, and Cameron Price) who were all suffering from multiple stab wounds. All of the victims were discovered near the exits or just outside of the establishment. Investigation revealed that an altercation had occurred within the establishment minutes before Officer Goodwin responded which involved an individual, later identified at Shawn Guzman, and the 3 male stabbing victims. Further investigation revealed that Mr. Guzman took an unknown sharp object and stabbed Gaither, Johnson, Cameron, and himself in the midst of a physical altercation within the establishment. Mr. Guzman was not on-scene at the time of Officer Goodwin’s arrival, but was apprehended later by police when he sought medical assistance at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma for his self-inflicted stab wounds.

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 13, 2017 – At approximately 1:40 AM Baltimore City Police Officer Goodwin responded to the establishment for a call for service related to a “cutting.” Upon arrival Officer Goodwin observed 3 males on location (Dimitri Gaither, Rodney Johnson, and Cameron Price) who were all suffering from multiple stab wounds. Investigation revealed that an altercation had occurred within the establishment minutes before Officer Goodwin responded that involved an individual, later identified at Shawn Guzman, and the 3 male stabbing victims. Further investigation revealed that Mr. Guzman took an unknown sharp object and stabbed Gaither, Johnson, Cameron, and himself in the midst of a physical altercation within the establishment. Mr. Guzman was not on-scene at the time of Officer Goodwin’s arrival, but was apprehended later by police when he sought medical assistance at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma for his self-inflicted stab wounds. The State’s Attorney’s Office for Baltimore City subsequently indicted Mr. Shawn Guzman on criminal charges ranging from Attempted First Degree Murder to Concealed Deadly Weapon all of which are alleged to have occurred within or just outside of the establishment.

Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – May 13, 2017 – At approximately 2:20 AM the Baltimore City Vice Unit, which included Det. Gatto, Det. LC Greenhill, and Sgt. Leisher, and Agent John Chrissomallis of the BLLC (“officials”) responded to the establishment for a call for service related to a “cutting.” Upon questioning officers at the scene and employees, officials discovered that a stabbing incident had occurred within the location involving four males. During a follow-up

investigation on May 14, 2017 officials discovered that the night manager, James Dipino, had started to clean the bar area of the blood evidence prior to the police and crime lab techs arrival, which in turn destroyed blood evidence and thus hindered the investigation. Officials recalled the strong odor of bleach within the primary crime scene inside the bar when they responded to scene on May 13, 2017. Officials informed the staff of the establishment that any potential crime scene inside the bar must be preserved until police units advise the management that a cleaning process can be conducted.

2. **Mun Sik Haberkam (SS) and Chang H. Yim, Linden Bar & Liquors, Inc., T/a Linden Bar & Liquors, 904-08 W. North Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor Licensee – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – March 31, 2017** – At approximately 12:05 AM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit and members of the BLLC’s Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At this time, Det. Akinwande and Det. Garrett entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Chang Kun Yim, who was the attendant present at the location, informed Akinwande and Garrett that the bar “was closed” in response to a request made by detectives for access to the tavern. Both Akinwande and Garrett left the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment and informed Mr. Yim of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).

3. **Joginder Samra and Joginder Singh, 2300 W. Baltimore St, LLC T/a Club 2300, 2300 W. Baltimore Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – March 30, 2017** – At approximately 9:40 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit and members of the BLLC’s Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At this time, Det. Garrett entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Happy Salinder, who was the attendant present at the location, stated to Garrett “No” indicating the rear bar area was closed to customers in response to a request made by Garrett for access to the tavern. Garrett left the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment and informed Mr. Salinder, the manager on location, of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).

Violation of Rule 3.09(a) Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations – March 30, 2017 – At approximately 9:40 PM., members of the Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit and members of the BLLC’s Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. Upon gaining entry, BLLC inspectors discovered that the women’s restroom was non-operational and the health permit of the establishment had expired.

Violation of Rule 3.09(b) Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations – March 30, 2017 – At approximately 9:40 PM., members of the Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit and members of the BLLC’s Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises

to patrons. Upon gaining entry, BLLC inspectors discovered that the women's restroom was non-operational and the health permit of the establishment had expired.

4. **Bing Chen and Yun Chen, Chen's Liquor, Inc. T/a B&O Café, 1301-03 W. Pratt Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – May 13, 2017** – At approximately 12:02 AM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and members of the BLLC's Inspection Division conducted an investigation of this establishment due to numerous 311 complaints the agency had received regarding the location. Upon entry, BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler and Agent Chrissomallis observed that the tavern portion of the establishment did not seem to be in operation. There were children's toys, a bike, and a stroller on or behind the bar. The liquor bottles behind the bar were dusty, the three-compartment sink was not in use, and no glasses or cups of any kind were in the bar area. Lastly, a bucket, mop, and snow shovel were in the customer area of tavern. As a result of the non-operation, BLLC staff advised Bing Chai Chen, the manager/licensee on location, of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).

5. ~~Anthony Gambino, Jr., D.E.A.K., Inc., T/a Ciao Bella Restaurant, 232 36 S. High Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) Live Entertainment without Authorization – June 8, 2017~~ – At approximately 10:00 PM, BLLC Inspector Jo Ann Martin responded to a 311 complaint – CN #17-00340288 – for an establishment having live entertainment without authorization. Upon approaching the establishment, Inspector Martin did not hear loud noises. However, when Inspector Martin situated herself directly outside the window of the establishment she could observe a male seated behind a key board and playing said key board while speaking into a microphone that was connected to an amplified speaker. Further investigation revealed that the establishment was not licensed by the BLLC to provide live entertainment. In addition, BLLC staff had informed the licensee earlier in the week, Mr. Anthony Gambino, not provide live entertainment at his establishment as he was not licensed by the BLLC to do so.
POSTPONED

II. Motion for Reconsideration:

1. **Jaime Balvuenza Bravo and Alejo Martinez, El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec, Inc., T/a El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec, 3919-21 Eastern Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare – March 25, 2017** – At approximately 12:40 AM Det. Gatto of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and Agent John Chrissomallis responded to a loud music complaint at the establishment. Upon arrival both observed the front door open and heard loud music emanating out of the establishment. Gatto and Chrissomallis entered the establishment and made contact with the manager, Mr. Lumes Fernando. They informed him that the BLLC had been to the location numerous times to give warnings to staff concerning the loud music emanating from the establishment and the need to have the front door closed. On this occasion, BLLC and Police had to tell Mr. Fernando to lower the music at least 3 times before he complied. At this time, Chrissomallis and Gatto advised Mr. Fernando that a violation would be issued to his establishment.

Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct – March 25, 2017 – At approximately 12:40 AM Det. Gatto of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and Agent John Chrissomallis responded to a loud music complaint at the establishment. Upon arrival both observed the front door open and

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**Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above.*