

**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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. Transfers and amendments :

1. **David Carillo & Themis Smyrnioudis, Mexican Food, Inc. T/a La Tolteca, 2324-32 Boston Street** - Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership
2. **Christopher Nwaeze & Musibau Shittu, C and G Group, LLC T/a Posh-Mix, 8-14 Park Avenue** – 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. **Tsgaurstos Dafla & Alemayehu Desta, Danny’s Convenience Store Beer and Wine, LLC T/a Danny’s Beer and Wine, 2327 Pennsylvania Avenue** - Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership

II. Hardship Extensions:

1. **Lana Farnsworth, L. Cees, Inc. T/a Taylor’s East, 1201 N. Potomac Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of Article 2B Section 10-504(d)

III. Request to reopen:

1. **Michael Equbay & Tecle Zemikiel, M&T Liquor Food Mart, LLC T/a M&T Liquor and Food Mart, 2002-04 E. Oliver Street** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request to reopen after being closed for more than 90 days

1:00 P.M. CASES

IV. Violations:

1. **Elaine Fordham, Isis, LLC T/a Isis Lounge, 226-28 Park Avenue - Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Violation of Rule 3.01 Ownership and Operation** – December 5, 2014 – The Comptroller's Office received a complaint by a former employee of Isis, LLC T/A Isis Lounge. As part of the investigation, Agent Tanis interviewed Korey Moody, who claimed to be the operator of the establishment. The interview occurred at approximately 10:30am to 11:30 am at the Offices of the Comptroller. Mr. Moody produced a signed agreement stating that he was allowed to manage the business in exchange for \$2,000 per month in pay. As of yet, Mr. Moody's financial interest has not been formally disclosed to the Board in writing nor has an application been made to reflect Mr. Moody's financial interest in the License.

Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller's Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this date, Agent Wayne Tanis from the Comptroller's office conducted an investigation and found 6 containers of hookah tobacco. Upon finding these containers the Agent asked operator if there were any receipts or records indicating that the Maryland tobacco tax was paid. The operator could not produce the records.

Violation of Rule 3.03 (a) Records – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller's Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this date Agent Wayne Tanis from the Comptroller's office conducted an investigation and asked the operator for receipts of alcoholic beverages purchased. The only receipts that the operator could provide were from September 2014 through October 2014. At that time the Agent found 27 bottles of distilled spirits that were not on any of the invoices nor were they on any of the prior listed stock.

Violation of Rule 4.10 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller's Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this date Agent Wayne Tanis from the Comptroller's office conducted an investigation and asked the operator for receipts of alcoholic beverages purchased. The only receipts that the operator could provide were from September 2014 through October 2014. At that time the Agent found 27 bottles of distilled spirits that were not on any of the invoices nor were they on any of the prior listed stock. Agent determined that operator purchased alcohol from a not licensed wholesaler.

Violation of Rule 3.03 (c) Records – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller’s Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this date Agent Wayne Tanis from the Comptroller’s office requested to see the records of employees for Isis Lounge. The operator produced a stack of eight (8) black file folders with eight (8) separate names. The operator stated that the folders did not contain any additional information other than the names of the employees on the file folders. The operator then told the Agent that the licensee takes care of all withholding tax information for all employees. A record check indicated that Isis LLC T/A Isis Lounge never obtained a withholding account with the Comptroller to submit income tax withholdings.

Violation of Rule 3.07 Restroom – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller’s Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this Inspector Jones inspected the woman’s bathroom and found that the toilet seat and toilet were inoperable. There was a sign on the door that indicated it was out of order.

2. **Mangafoula Minadakis, T/a Las Tejitas Restaurant, 422-26 S. Macon Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.05(a) Prohibited Hours**– July 26, 2014 – At 2:02 AM Police Officers and Liquor Board Inspectors observed that establishment called “Las Tejitas Restaurant “was open and operating and that patrons being served and allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. Officers and Inspectors observed approximately 9 patrons consuming alcoholic beverages past the establishment’s 2:00 AM closing time.

Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare – December 14, 2014 – At approximately 1:36 am the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) responded to the establishment called “Las Tejitas Restaurant” for an assault call. Upon arrival the BPD observed a crowd of people outside of the establishment and in the public right of way (corner of Macon and Eastern Avenue), several of whom were engaged in a fistfight. After exiting their vehicles were able to identify the victim of the altercation who stated he had been drinking and become very intoxicated inside of the establishment. He stated that he was attacked by others in the bar. The altercation was eventually moved out of the establishment and into the street where the fight continued until the BPD arrived. Once on location the BPD were able to identify – via identification by the victim – the two assailants. Investigation revealed that these individuals were also at the establishment and were extremely intoxicated.

Violation of Rule 4.02 Inebriates and Drug Addicts – December 14, 2014 – At approximately 1:36 am the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) responded to the

establishment called “Las Tejitas Restaurant” for an assault call. Upon arrival the BPD observed a crowd of people outside of the establishment and in the public right of way (corner of Macon and Eastern Avenue), several of whom were engaged in a fistfight. After exiting their vehicles were able to identify the victim of the altercation who stated he had been drinking and become very intoxicated inside of the establishment. He stated that he was attacked by others in the bar. The altercation was eventually moved out of the establishment and into the street where the fight continued until the BPD arrived. Once on location the BPD were able to identify – via identification by the victim – the two assailants. Investigation revealed that these individuals were also at the establishment and were extremely intoxicated.

3. **Sung Koo Kang, Yeun Im Yang & Mi Cha Park, GLOF, Inc. T/a Oxford Tavern, 1741 W. North Avenue** – class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Minors** – December 18, 2014 – At approximately 12:16 am the Baltimore Police Department conducted an underage alcohol investigation at the “Oxford Tavern” located at 1741 West North Avenue in Baltimore City, Maryland. Police Cadet Jones, who was under the age of 21, entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml “New Amsterdam Peach Vodka” from the bartender/store clerk using a \$20 bill that was marked by police, purchased the alcoholic beverage and received change from the bartender. The cadet then communicated with police who responded to the scene. The police entered the establishment and notified the bartender/store clerk that an alcoholic beverage had just been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The police then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage to the bartender and the change that was provided to the cadet by the establishment.

4. **Eun Soo Bae, G.S. Locker, Inc. T/a Biddle Liquors, 2100 E. Biddle Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Minors** – December 17, 2014 – At approximately 10:21 PM the Baltimore Police Department conducted an underage alcohol investigation at “Biddle Liquors” located at 2100 East Biddle Street in Baltimore City, Maryland. Police Cadet Jones, who was under the age of 21, entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml “New Amsterdam Peach Vodka” from the bartender/store clerk, which cost \$7.89. Cadet Jones, using a \$20 bill that was marked by police, purchased the alcoholic beverage and received change from the bartender. The cadet then communicated with police who responded to the scene. The police entered the establishment and notified the bartender/store clerk that an alcoholic beverage had just been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The police then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage to the bartender and the change that was provided to the cadet by the establishment.

5. **Hak Jun Lee & Gloria Tyler, Lee L & M, Inc. T/a L & M Liquors, 1148 E. North Avenue** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Minors** – December 17, 2014 – At approximately 11:13 PM the Baltimore Police Department conducted an underage alcohol investigation at “L & M Liquors” located at 1148 East North Avenue in Baltimore City, Maryland. Police Cadet Jones, who was under the age of 21, entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml “New Amsterdam Peach Vodka” from the bartender/store clerk, which cost \$7.29. Cadet Jones, using a \$20 bill that was marked by police, purchased the alcoholic beverage and received change from the bartender. The cadet then communicated with police who responded to the scene. The police entered the establishment and notified the bartender/store clerk that an alcoholic beverage had just been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The police then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage to the bartender and the change that was provided to the cadet by the establishment.

****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.***