

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410)396-4377 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

11:00 a.m.

I. Regular Items (New, Transfers, Expansions and Hardships):

1. **Darryl Strange, Truth Lounge, LLC, T/a Truth Lounge, 4507-09 Belair Road – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership, request to add live entertainment.**
2. **Christopher Sheffert, Concetta Scotto-Sheffert and Michael Sabracos, City Line Food, Inc., T/a Trade Name Pending, 6506 Belair Road – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of live entertainment and outdoor table service, request for off-premise catering and delivery of alcoholic beverages.**
3. **Harman Arneja, Gurmohan Arneja and Ronald Sanders, Has-Jas Corporation, T/a Hamilton Liquors, 5418 Harford Road – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
4. **Andrew Dunlap and Michael White, The Sobo Taco Spot, LLC, T/a Banditos, 1118 S. Charles Street, Units 110 & 111 – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership, request to expand premise to include 1118 S. Charles Street, Unit 101 for business.**
5. **Mustafa Jackson and Roberto Silva, Four One Four, LLC, T/a Kings and Diamonds, 414-416 E. Baltimore Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.**

1:00 p.m.

II. Violations:

1. **George Divel, III, William Matricciani and Donna Matricciani, Weidog, LLC T/a Playbook, 6700 German Hill Road – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.09(b) Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations – September 23, 2016 – At approximately 10:00 PM, members of the Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Police Department, and BLLC conducted a joint investigation into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment to conduct a routine inspection, Health Department officials observed hot and cold holdings**

temperature violations, bare hands handling ready to eat foods, and improper hand washing. As a result of the violations the establishment was closed for the evening.

2. **Tesfaye Birru and Fikremariam Worku, Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, T/a Jano Ethiopia, 34 S. Eutaw Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05 (a) and (b) Prohibited Hours – October 30, 2016** – At approximately 2:30 AM BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler, Inspector John Howard, Inspector Andy Perez, Inspector Darryl Clark, and Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted a special investigation at the establishment. At this time, BLLC Inspectors Perez and Clark entered the establishment posing as patrons in an attempt to order an alcoholic beverage. Both Perez and Clark were granted entry to the establishment by security and walked to the bar area on the first floor. Perez and Clark observed “4 to 6” patrons, three of which were observed consuming alcoholic beverages. Inspectors then proceeded to upstairs lounge area. Upon reaching the lounge area, Perez and Clark observed approximately “20 to 30” patrons dancing and consuming alcoholic beverages. Perez and Clark then approached the bar in the lounge area and ordered two (2) bottles of Corona from the bartender. The bartender informed the Inspectors that the bar was closed. However, the licensee, Mr. Worku, who was present at the bar area and overheard the bartender deny the Inspectors request, instructed the bartender to serve the Inspectors. Inspector Perez paid \$10.01 for the two (2) bottles of Corona and was subsequently served by the bartender. While waiting for their alcoholic beverages, Inspectors observed another patron approach the bar and purchase shots of what seemed to be “Crown Royal Whiskey.” Inspectors Perez and Clark left the establishment and then reported their findings to Inspector John Howard who entered the establishment and violated it for serving after hours.

Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – October 30, 2016 – At approximately 2:30 AM BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler, Inspector John Howard, Inspector Andy Perez, Inspector Darryl Clark, and Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted a special investigation at the establishment. At approximately 2:40 AM, Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry to the establishment in an effort to make contact with Inspector John Howard who was inside writing a violation to the licensee for operating after hours. Inspector Chrissomallis approached the location and attempted to gain entry to the location, but was greeted by the licensee, Mr. Worku, and a security guard. Inspector Chrissomallis identified himself as an Inspector with the BLLC and showed his agency issued identification and badge and requested entry to the establishment. Mr. Worku acknowledged who Mr. Chrissomallis was and then proceeded to become belligerent. Mr. Worku cursed at Inspector Chrissomallis and repeatedly denied him entry to the establishment. Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Worku about Mr. Howard's presence within the establishment and the need to ensure that Mr. Howard's safety and then repeated his request to gain entry. Mr. Worku again denied Inspector Chrissomallis entry. When Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry he was physically stopped by Mr. Worku. Inspector Chrissomallis contacted the Baltimore City Police Department's Central District for support. It was at or about this time that Mr. Worku allowed Inspector Chrissomallis to gain entry.

Violation of Rule 2.13 Inspections – October 30, 2016 – At approximately 2:30 AM BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler, Inspector John Howard, Inspector Andy Perez, Inspector Darryl Clark, and Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted a special investigation at the establishment. At approximately 2:40 AM, Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry to the establishment in an effort to make contact with Inspector John Howard who was inside writing a violation to the

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Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – October 30, 2016 – At approximately 2:30 AM BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler, Inspector John Howard, Inspector Andy Perez, Inspector Darryl Clark, and Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted a special investigation at the establishment. At approximately 2:40 AM, Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry to the establishment in an effort to make contact with Inspector John Howard who was inside writing a violation to the licensee for operating after hours. Inspector Chrissomallis approached the location and attempted to gain entry to the location, but was greeted by the licensee, Mr. Worku, and a security guard. Inspector Chrissomallis identified himself as an Inspector with the BLLC and showed his agency issued identification and badge and requested entry to the establishment. Mr. Worku acknowledged who Mr. Chrissomallis was and then proceeded to become belligerent. Mr. Worku cursed at Inspector Chrissomallis and repeatedly denied him entry to the establishment. Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Worku about Mr. Howard's presence within the establishment and the need to ensure that Mr. Howard's safety and then repeated his request to gain entry. Mr. Worku again denied Inspector Chrissomallis entry. When Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry he was physically stopped by Mr. Worku. Inspector Chrissomallis contacted the Baltimore City Police Department's Central District for support. It was at or about this time that Mr. Worku allowed Inspector Chrissomallis to gain entry.

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