

**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY**  
**DOCKET – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**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.

**10:30 a.m.**

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

- 1. Kathryn D. Barrett and Kristopher Beck, PHOTA-FD Baltimore, LLC, T/a SpringHill Suites, 400 W. Fayette Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor Hotel-Motel License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor Hotel-Motel license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-903(c)(1)(2)(i) which allows the Board to issue a license for use by a Hotel or Motel that has: (1) a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals for at least 125 individuals at one seating; (2) at least 100 rooms for the accommodation of the public; and (3) a capital investment of \$500,000; Board to rehear matter concerning an issue identified during issuance process.**

**II. Violations:**

- 1. Jose Portillo and Neel Sharma, Sai Baba Hospitality, LLC, T/a El Dragon Sport Bar & Restaurant, 200 S. Haven Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Furnishing) – December 22, 2022 – On December 22, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Agent Perez, Inspector Jordan, Inspector Tudhope, and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis, along with a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (“BPD Vice”) conducted numerous underage investigations throughout the City. Working with the BLLC and BPD Vice in an undercover capacity were BPD Cadet Degraffinried and Cadet Baerga Rodriguez, who at the time of this investigation were both under the legal drinking age of 21 years old.**

At approximately 10:20pm, Cadets Degraffinried and Baerga Rodriguez entered the establishment and sat at the bar. The Cadets then ordered two (2) 12oz. Corona beer from the server who was identified as Jessica Rivera Muriel via her Maryland identification card. Once the Cadets were in possession of the two (2) 12oz. Corona beers, they informed BPD Vice and BLLC inspectors via text message that they were served alcoholic beverages and provided a physical description of the server. No money was exchanged during this transaction, instead a tab was started.

Moments later, members of the BPD Vice Unit and BLLC Inspectors entered the establishment and advised the manager, Mr. Sunil Sharma who was in full operational control of the establishment that one of his servers had furnished alcoholic beverages to underage police cadets. BPD Vice and BLLC members Ms. Rivera Muriel that she would not be criminally charged; however, a violation report would be written up for the establishment. Both agencies departed the establishment without further incident.

- Peter Bramble, Y56 BWA Operator, LLC, T/a Fleet Street Spirits, 5601 Eastern Avenue k/a 5701A Fleet Street – Class “A-7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors – December 22, 2022** – On December 22, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Inspector Jordan, Inspector Tudhope, and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis, along with Detective Gatto of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (“BPD Vice”) conducted numerous underage investigations throughout the City. Working with the BLLC and BPD Vice in an undercover capacity were BPD Cadet Degraffinried and Cadet Baerga Rodriguez, who at the time of this investigation were both under the legal drinking age of 21 years old. Prior to the investigation, a departmental \$20 bill was photographed to be traced as the cash used to purchase.

At approximately 9:40pm, Cadets Degraffinried and Baerga Rodriguez entered the establishment. At this time, the Cadets were successful in purchasing a six (6) pack of Medalla Light Beer for \$7.99, using the \$20 bill. Following the purchase, the Cadets exited the establishment carrying the alcoholic beverages. Members of BPD Vice and the BLLC then entered the establishment and made contact with the seller, who identified herself as Diana Melgar, verified by her identification. BPD Vice and BLLC members informed Ms. Melgar that she had sold alcohol to underage police cadets. The alcoholic beverages and change were returned to the establishment and the departmental \$20 bill was recovered. BPD Vice Unit and BLLC members informed Ms. Melgar Patel that she would not be criminally charged; however, a violation report would be written up for the establishment. Both agencies departed the establishment with no further incident.

- Bhaveshkumar Patel, Mesva, Inc., T/a New Food Way, 1501 Broening Highway – Class “A” Beer & Wine License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors – December 22, 2022** – On December 22, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Inspector Tudhope, Inspector Jordan, Agent Perez, and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis, along with a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (“BPD Vice”) conducted numerous underage investigations throughout the City. Working with the BLLC and BPD Vice in an undercover capacity were BPD Cadet Degraffinried and Cadet Baerga Rodriguez, who at the time of this investigation were both under the legal drinking age of 21 years old.

At approximately 9:15pm, Cadets Degraffinried and Baerga Rodriguez entered the establishment. At this time, the Cadets were successful in purchasing two (2) 23.5 oz. cans of Sour Grape Four Loko for \$7.40, using the \$20 bill provided to them to make purchases. Following the purchase, Cadets Degraffinried and Baerga Rodriguez exited the establishment carrying the alcoholic beverage. Members of BPD Vice and the BLLC then entered the establishment and made contact with the seller, who identified himself as Sanjaykumar Manilal Patel, verified by his Maryland driver’s license. BPD Vice and BLLC members informed Mr. Patel that he had sold alcohol to underage police cadets. The alcoholic beverages and change were returned to the establishment and the departmental \$20 bill was recovered. BPD Vice Unit and BLLC members informed Mr. Patel that he would not be criminally charged; however, a violation report would be written up for the establishment. Both agencies departed the establishment with no further incident.

- Brain Lawrence, The Avenue K&B, LLC, T/a The Avenue Kitchen and Bar, 911 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.17 – Storage – November 25, 2022** – On November 25, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Agent Darryl Clark arrived at the establishment to find a table set up with coffee and tea and bottles of liquor that

were displayed on the sidewalk in front of the establishment, outside of the premises. The Agent met with General Manager Ali Sahin and explained to him and staff that they cannot do that unless they have an extension of the premises for the use of alcohol. Upon inspection, the manager could not produced a valid Trader's License. Agent Clark issued a violation for the storage of the alcohol outside the premises and gave them 7-10 business days to obtain a valid 2022 Trader's License. Manager removed the table with the departure of the Agent. Agent left the establishment without further incident.

- 5. Gurpreet Kaur, Sole Proprietorship, T/a Tavern Bar, 2148 Wilkens Avenue – Class "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2005(d) – December 16, 2022** – On December 16, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Inspector Rosalba Jordan along with a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit ("BPD Vice") conducted an investigation at the establishment for being open after the allowable operating hours of 10:00pm. BLLC Inspectors and BPD Vice arrived outside the establishment at approximately 9:50pm and proceeded to observe the establishment until approximately 10:15pm. BLLC Inspectors observed people entering and exiting the establishment after 10:00pm and that the lights were on and the front door was open. At approximately 10:15pm, BLLC Inspectors and BPD Vice entered the establishment through the open door, and once inside, they observed approximately 10-15 people sitting and standing inside the establishment drinking. Inspector Tudhope made contact with a Mr. Nigel Procter who stated he was the new owner of the establishment and that they were in the middle of a transfer of ownership. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Procter that he was open and operating past the allowable hours of operation of 10:00pm. Inspector Tudhope asked to see the establishment's liquor license and verified that the establishment was not to be operating after 10:00pm, as was stated on the license. Inspector Tudhope further observed right below where the letter was displayed a letter sent out by the BLLC dated June 29, 2021 addressed to Tavern Bar stating the new hours of operation displayed and hanging in full view of the other permits. Mr. Procter stated that they closed at 10:00pm, but that people were just finishing their drinks and that nobody was being served past 10:00pm. At this time, he and his staff asked people to "take it to the head" and people proceeded to drink fast while walking out. Inspectors heard one patron state that he wanted his money back as he had just arrived five (5) minutes ago and paid for his drink and did not appreciate that he was not able to finish his beer and that the beer was still full. Inspector Tudhope issued a violation and BLLC Inspectors and BPD Vice left the establishment without further incident.

**Violation of Rule 4.05 – Prohibited Hours – December 16, 2022** – On December 16, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Inspector Rosalba Jordan along with a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit ("BPD Vice") conducted an investigation at the establishment for being open after the allowable operating hours of 10:00pm. BLLC Inspectors and BPD Vice arrived outside the establishment at approximately 9:50pm and proceeded to observe the establishment until approximately 10:15pm. BLLC Inspectors observed people entering and exiting the establishment after 10:00pm and that the lights were on and the front door was open. At approximately 10:15pm, BLLC Inspectors and BPD Vice entered the establishment through the open door, and once inside, they observed approximately 10-15 people sitting and standing inside the establishment drinking. Inspector Tudhope made contact with a Mr. Nigel Procter who stated he was the new owner of the establishment and that they were in the middle of a transfer of ownership. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Procter that he was open and operating past the allowable hours of operation of

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~~**Violation of Rule 3.08(a) – Sanitation and Safety (Unsanitary Kitchen) – December 2, 2022** – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force ("SCTF") that included members of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Vice Unit ("BPD Vice"), the Department of Housing and Community~~

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**Violation of Rule 3.09(b) — Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations (Health License) — December 2, 2022** — On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force ("SCTF") that included members of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Vice Unit ("BPD Vice"), the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Housing"), the Baltimore City Health Department ("Health") and the Baltimore City Fire Department ("Fire") conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia, which can be observed in the attached photographs. At the conclusion of the physical inspection, SCTF conducted a check of the business records and it was discovered that the establishment was not displaying, nor was anyone able to present a valid Liquor License or Health License to SCTF Members. SCTF spoke to the owner, Mr. Worku, that he had renewed his liquor license but that he had failed to pick it up from BLLC offices, a fact later confirmed by Inspector Jordan. BLLC Inspectors issued violations for failing to display a current liquor license on premises and for the prohibited activity of a Class "B" Restaurant License failing to have a functional kitchen as required by their license class. Inspector Jordan also observed that Fire

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**Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Clean Indoor Air Act) – December 2, 2022** – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force ("SCTF") that included members of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Vice Unit ("BPD Vice"), the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Housing"), the Baltimore City Health Department ("Health") and the Baltimore City Fire Department ("Fire") conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia, which can be observed in the attached photographs. At the conclusion of the physical inspection, SCTF conducted a check of the business records and it was discovered that the establishment was not displaying, nor was anyone able to present a valid Liquor License or Health License to SCTF Members. SCTF spoke to the owner, Mr. Worku, that he had renewed his liquor license but that he had failed to pick it up from BLLC offices, a fact later confirmed by Inspector Jordan. BLLC Inspectors issued violations for failing to display a current liquor license on premises and for the prohibited activity of a Class "B" Restaurant License failing to have a functional kitchen as required by their license class. Inspector Jordan also observed that Fire issued numerous code violations and that Health ordered the establishment closed immediately for "general unsanitary conditions." The SCTF left the establishment once it was cleared of all patrons and the establishment closed without further incident.

**Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Open Flame) – December 2, 2022** – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force ("SCTF") that included members of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Vice Unit ("BPD Vice"), the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Housing"), the Baltimore City Health Department ("Health") and the Baltimore City Fire Department ("Fire") conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for

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**Violation of Rule 4.20(b) – Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class B Licenses: Functional Kitchen – December 2, 2022** – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force ("SCTF") that included members of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Vice Unit ("BPD Vice"), the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Housing"), the Baltimore City Health Department ("Health") and the Baltimore City Fire Department ("Fire") conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia, which can be observed in the attached photographs. At the conclusion of the physical inspection, SCTF conducted a check of the business records and it was discovered that the establishment was not displaying, nor was anyone able to present a valid Liquor License or Health License to SCTF Members. SCTF spoke to the owner, Mr. Worku, that he had renewed his liquor license but that he had failed to pick it up from BLLC offices, a fact later confirmed by Inspector Jordan. BLLC Inspectors issued violations for failing to display a current liquor license on premises and for the prohibited activity of a Class "B" Restaurant License failing to have a functional kitchen as required by their license class. Inspector Jordan also observed that Fire issued numerous code violations and that Health ordered the establishment closed immediately for "general unsanitary conditions." The SCTF left the establishment once it was cleared of all patrons and the establishment closed without further incident. **POSTPONED**

7. **Teaon Everage, Derek Smith, and Trevor White, Rymks Bar & Grille, LLC, T/a Rymks Bar & Grille, 819 E. Pratt Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.02 – Cooperation (Inspector Jordan) – December 16, 2022** – On December 18, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan received a 311 complaint at 9:37pm for "disturbing the peace/noise/loud music/front door open." At approximately 10:15pm,

Inspector Jordan arrived and parked her vehicle on Albemarle Street where she could hear music playing through the outdoor speakers at a high volume. Inspector Jordan entered the establishment and spoke to the bartender. Inspector Jordan explained that she was responding from the Liquor Board for a complaint pertaining to loud music. The bartender proceeded to turn the outdoor speakers off using a tablet. However, when Inspector Jordan returned to her car, she noticed they were still on. Inspector Jordan assumed there was some type of error, so she went back inside to inform the bartender the music was still on. As Inspector Jordan was speaking to the bartender, a male individual approached her and stated he was the owner. Inspector Jordan explained to him the reason for her visit and he immediately became very confrontational. He stated that the inspector should have dealt with him directly instead of speaking to his staff. Inspector Jordan informed him that she was not aware he was there, and that his staff did not direct her to speak with him. The man stated that he needed to see her identification, so Inspector Jordan reached for her badge, and then discovered that she had left it in her vehicle; she immediately existed to go retrieve the badge. Inspector Jordan was wearing her BLLC attire including her jacket and vest which both display the BLLC embroidered badge. Inspector Jordan returned to the establishment and presented her badge to the owner, who she learned to be Mr. Teacon Everage, along with her business card. Inspector Jordan then placed her inspection sheet on the bar to document the 311 response, which Mr. Everage proceeded to slide towards himself and away from Inspector Jordan. Mr. Everage inquired as to what the paper was for, and Inspector Jordan explained it was a form to form a record of her visit. Inspector Jordan requested the business records in order to complete her documentation, and Mr. Everage refused to provide them to the inspector. Mr. Everage went on to say that he can play music outside until 11:00pm per his MOU, and that Inspector Jordan had no right to tell him to turn it down. Inspector Jordan made several attempts to defuse the tense situation by explaining why she was there and offering a solution. Finally, Inspector Jordan felt she had to leave the establishment for her own safety once Mr. Everage began pointing his finger at Inspector Jordan while disregarding her personal space. Inspector Jordan exited the establishment and contacted Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, who stated he would arrive shortly to speak to the owner. Upon his arrival, Chief Chrissomallis approached the owner in a polite and calm manner but despite this, Inspector Jordan observed Mr. Everage not being cooperative. At one point, Inspector Jordan observed the employees attempting to intervene, but that Mr. Everage ordered them to stay out of it. A man who identified himself as the general manager stated that Mr. Everage was not in a condition to speak to the BLLC Inspectors, but did not explain any further. As the situation was not improving and Mr. Everage was not cooperating, Chief Chrissomallis directed us to leave the establishment. Shortly after BLLC Inspectors got outside, the music was turned off.

**Violation of Rule 3.03(a) – Records (Availability for Inspection) – December 16, 2022** – On December 18, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Inspector Rosalba Jordan received a 311 complaint at 9:37pm for “disturbing the peace/noise/loud music/front door open.” At approximately 10:15pm, Inspector Jordan arrived and parked her vehicle on Albemarle Street where she could hear music playing through the outdoor speakers at a high volume. Inspector Jordan entered the establishment and spoke to the bartender. Inspector Jordan explained that she was responding from the Liquor Board for a complaint pertaining to loud music. The bartender proceeded to turn the outdoor speakers off using a tablet. However, when Inspector Jordan returned to her car, she noticed they were still on. Inspector Jordan assumed there was some type of error, so she went back inside to inform the bartender the music was still on. As Inspector Jordan was speaking to the bartender, a male individual approached her and stated he was the

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### **Violation of Rule 3.02 – Cooperation (Chief Inspector Chrissomallis) – December 16, 2022 –**

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learned to be Mr. Teanon Everage, along with her business card. Inspector Jordan then placed her inspection sheet on the bar to document the 311 response, which Mr. Everage proceeded to slide towards himself and away from Inspector Jordan. Mr. Everage inquired as to what the paper was for, and Inspector Jordan explained it was a form to form a record of her visit. Inspector Jordan requested the business records in order to complete her documentation, and Mr. Everage refused to provide them to the inspector. Mr. Everage went on to say that he can play music outside until 11:00pm per his MOU, and that Inspector Jordan had no right to tell him to turn it down. Inspector Jordan made several attempts to defuse the tense situation by explaining why she was there and offering a solution. Finally, Inspector Jordan felt she had to leave the establishment for her own safety once Mr. Everage began pointing his finger at Inspector Jordan while disregarding her personal space. Inspector Jordan exited the establishment and contacted Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, who stated he would arrive shortly to speak to the owner. Upon his arrival, Chief Chrissomallis approached the owner in a polite and calm manner but despite this, Inspector Jordan observed Mr. Everage not being cooperative. At one point, Inspector Jordan observed the employees attempting to intervene, but that Mr. Everage ordered them to stay out of it. A man who identified himself as the general manager stated that Mr. Everage was not in a condition to speak to the BLLC Inspectors, but did not explain any further. As the situation was not improving and Mr. Everage was not cooperating, Chief Chrissomallis directed us to leave the establishment. Shortly after BLLC Inspectors got outside, the music was turned off.

8. **Ronnie Player, New Club Thunderbird, Inc., T/a Club Thunderbird, 2201 E. Chase Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) – November 5, 2022** – On November 4, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan, along with a detective from the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) drove by the establishment at approximately 10:40pm on their way to a different assignment. As they passed, Inspectors observed there to be approximately 5 people standing outside the establishment and lights appeared to be on inside the establishment. Upon observing this and knowing the hours of operation for the establishment, Inspectors decided to return to the establishment later in the evening to confirm if they had closed.

At approximately 1:00am on November 5, 2022, Inspectors returned and parked directly in front of the establishment and heard voices and music emanating from inside. At this time, Inspectors decided to enter the establishment and found the front door leading into the packaged goods side to be open. Inspector Tudhope continued through and reach to open the door leading to the tavern and heard the door being locked from the inside. Inspector Tudhope proceeded to knock on the door loudly and identified herself as a BLLC Inspector. After several minutes of knocking, the door was opened, where Inspector Tudhope observed there to be approximately 10-14 people sitting and standing inside the bar. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with the owner, Ms. Rodnaya Shanelle Williams, identified by her Maryland Driver's License. Ms. Williams stated that they were having a private party. Inspector Tudhope informed Ms. Williams that the establishment was not permitted to stay open and operating past 10:00pm, as it states on the establishment's liquor license. Inspector Tudhope informed Ms. Williams that she would be issued a violation for operating past 10:00pm and was instructed to close the establishment for the night. Inspectors left without further incident.

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