

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.
WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING

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.

***** **NO HEARINGS – ALL CASES POSTPONED** *****

11:00 a.m.

I. Violations:

~~1. **Dennis M. Clarke, Michael Clarke, and Ernest Young, DVML, Inc., T/a Claddagh Pub, 2918 O'Donnell Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – January 17, 2021** – At approximately 7:00 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspector Kenyatta Washington arrived on the premises. Upon entering, Inspector Washington observed three (3) patrons standing at the bar with open beers in front of them watching a football game. Two (2) of the three (3) patrons had bottles, and the third had an open 32oz. container with no lid. At that time, Inspector Washington spoke with the manager, Paul Cuda Jr., and informed him of Mayor Brandon M. Scott’s Executive Order, effective December 11, 2020, which forbade consumption of food or beverage on premises. Mr. Cuda stated that the patrons were waiting on food. At that time, Inspector Washington informed manager Mr. Cuda that patrons were prohibited from having open containers or open bottles while they waited. Inspector Washington observed all three (3) patrons exit the premises without food. Inspector Washington issued a violation.~~

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Washington, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis observed a large group of people gathered outside, awaiting entry to the establishment. Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment and observed approximately eight (8) people on the first floor, at which time Inspector Tudhope and other members of the SCTF made contact with the manager, Paul Cuda Jr., and made him aware of the complaint. Inspector Tudhope and members of the SCTF proceeded to the 2nd floor of the establishment, where they observed approximately between 200 and 250 patrons not seated, but standing closely together, unmasked and practicing no form of social distancing. Inspector Tudhope and SCTF members observed the fire marshal rated capacity number for the 2nd floor and determined that 25% of this number would allow for 38 persons total on the 2nd floor, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. Inspector Tudhope and members of the SCTF informed Mr. Cuda that the establishment was operating in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order, and informed him that he was to close immediately. Mr. Cuda complied and the establishment was issued a violation. The SCTF left the establishment without any further incident.

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- 2. Jeremy Freeman, Club Seduction, LLC T/a Club Seduction, 6820-24 Eastern Avenue – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – February 27, 2021** – At approximately 11:59 PM, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) of Baltimore City Inspector Kenyatta Washington, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis and Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD) Lieutenant Dennis Dawson responded to a call from the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Southeastern District regarding the establishment holding a huge party. Upon arrival Inspector Washington, Chief Chrissomallis and Lt. Dawson parked in the Enterprise Rent a Car lot at 6902 Eastern Avenue, due to cars blocking entry to the establishment's parking lot. Inspector Washington observed several cars parking in the Enterprise lot then patronizing the establishment. Inspector Washington, Chief Chrissomallis and Lt. Dawson stayed in the parking lot for several minutes and then headed over to the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Washington

and Lt. Dawson entered the establishment and headed to the 2nd floor where they observed a very large crowd, many of whom were dancing, very few individuals wearing face coverings, and no social distancing being practiced, which made it difficult to move through the establishment. Lt. Dawson estimated that there were roughly 300 persons on the 2nd floor. After making this observation, Inspector Washington and Lt. Dawson exited the establishment and notified Chief Chrissomallis of their findings. Several moments later, the owner of the establishment, Jerry Freeman, stepped outside to speak with Inspector Washington, Chief Chrissomallis and Lt. Dawson, where Inspector Washington confirmed his identity via his State ID. Then, Lt. Dawson instructed Mr. Freeman to close the establishment. Mr. Freeman was asked to produce his fire permit to verify the normal rated maximum occupancy. Mr. Freeman stated that he could not produce his fire permit at that time. Inspector Washington then informed Mr. Freeman that he would be issued a violation for operating over Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order, effective February 22, 2021, which limited indoor capacity to 25% of the fire marshal rated capacity. Additionally, Lt. Dawson issued a BCFD fine for the establishment being over capacity. No further incident occurred.

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- 3. Kairah Arce and Daniel Arce, D & D Arce, LLC, T/a The Twins, 4020 E. Lombard Street—Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License—Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct—February 26, 2021**—At approximately 11:00 PM, the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force (SCTF) that included members of the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Vice Unit, Baltimore Housing Inspectors, Baltimore Fire Department (BCFD) Fire Marshals and inspectors and agents from the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) of Baltimore City responded to the establishment

to conduct a joint inspection and investigate a recent complaint received by the BLLC that the establishment had been having large crowds and was operating in violation of Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order, effective February 22, 2021, limiting the Maximum Capacity of persons on premises, indoor, to 25%. Upon arrival, Inspector Cindy Tudhope, Inspector Kenyatta Washington, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis observed the establishment open and operating. BLLC inspectors and other members of the SCTF entered the establishment and observed and counted 66 persons inside, observed the fire marshal rated capacity number for the establishment and determined that 25% of this number would allow for 22 persons total, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. Inspector Washington made contact with a Mr. Andy Domingo and informed him that the establishment was operating in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order of only 25% capacity indoors. At this time, management reduced its patron count to 20 persons total, and the establishment was issued a violation. The SCTF left the establishment without any further incident.

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- 4. Lorraine Matthews, Sheron M. Matthews, and Raymondo Matthews, Jr., Thunderettes Pleasure Club, Inc., T/a Thunderettes Pleasure Club, 1322 N. Milton Avenue — Class "C" Beer, Wine & Liquor License — Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct — February 20, 2021**—At approximately 12:10 AM, the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force (SCTF) that included members of the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Vice Unit, Baltimore Housing Inspectors, Baltimore Fire Department (BCFD) Fire Marshals and inspectors and agents from the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) of Baltimore City responded to the establishment to conduct a joint inspection and investigate a recent complaint received by the BLLC that the establishment was operating in violation of Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order, effective January 22, 2021, limiting the Maximum Capacity of persons on premises, indoor, to 25%. Upon arrival, Inspector Cindy Tudhope, Inspector Kenyatta Washington, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis observed the establishment open and operating. BLLC inspectors and other members of the SCTF entered the establishment and observed approximately 100 persons there, observed the fire marshal rated capacity number for the establishment determined that 25% of this number would allow for 18 persons total, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. Inspector Tudhope made contact with a Mr. Raymondo Meir Zahqain and informed him that the establishment was operating in violation of the

Mayor's Executive Order of only 25% capacity indoors. Establishment was informed that it was to close immediately, Mr. Zahqain complied, and the establishment was issued a violation. The SCTF left the establishment without any further incident.

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