

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

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10:30 a.m.

I. Violations:

- 1. George L. Divel, III, William G. Matricciani, and Donna M. Matricciani, Weidog, LLC, T/a Playbook, 6700 German Hill Road – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08 Relations With Wholesalers – January 19, 2022** – On January 19, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Walter Robinson and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with representatives of the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD), and agents from the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) conducted a joint investigation of the establishment. Inspector Robinson conducted a full inspection of the establishment. Agent Michelle Mangold of the ATC spoke with Carlos Bulnes who identified himself as the operator of the establishment. Mr. Bulnes was asked to produce receipts for past alcohol purchases. Agent Mangold and Chief Chrissomallis went with Mr. Bulnes into the basement where the office is located and receipts are kept. At this time, BLLC and ATC staff located receipts for large amounts of alcohol purchased on the desk. Mr. Bulnes handed Agent Mangold the receipts and admitted that he has made purchases of beer and liquor from King’s Liquor on several occasions. Afterwards, Agent Mangold confiscated approximately 78 bottles of spirits and 605 bottles of beer. Mr. Bulnes was informed by the BLLC and ATC staff that he was being issued a violation for purchasing alcohol from someone other than a wholesaler. The ATC case file is #22-0068

- 2. Amritpal Singh Mann, Makhanjit Singh, Maan and Jaiya, Inc., T/a Mr. Joe’s Bar & Cutrate, 1-3 S. Highland Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – January 6, 2022** – On January 6, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Walter Robinson, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detective Gatto, and Police Cadets J. Carrington and T. Gertsinger conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. At the time of the incident, Cadets Carrington and Gertsinger were under the age of 21; the cadets were given a departmental \$20 bill that was marked by photograph prior to any investigations commencing.

At approximately 10:11PM, Cadets Carrington and Gertsinger entered the establishment. Cadet Carrington purchased two 50ml bottles of Fireball Whiskey for a total of \$3.10, which the Cadet paid for using the departmental \$20 bill. After the purchase, Cadets Carrington and Gertsinger exited the establishment carrying the alcoholic beverages. Members of the joint agency task force entered the establishment and contacted the seller, who was identified as Craig Miller, which was verified by his identification card. BPD Vice and BLLC staff informed Mr. Miller that he had sold alcohol to an underage police cadet. BPD Vice and BLLC staff requested that Mr. Miller return the departmental \$20. Mr. Miller did not comply with this request and claimed he did not have the

departmental \$20 bill. Detective Gatto and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis conducted a search of the cash register, which was recorded via Police body-worn camera (BWC). The alcoholic beverages and change from the transaction was returned to the establishment. The departmental \$20 bill was not recovered. A BLLC violation was issued for sales to a minor, non-cooperation due to failure to produce the departmental \$20 bill, and making a false statement. The joint agency task force departed without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – January 6, 2022 – On January 6, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Walter Robinson, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detective Gatto, and Police Cadets J. Carrington and T. Gertsinger conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. At the time of the incident, Cadets Carrington and Gertsinger were under the age of 21; the cadets were given a departmental \$20 bill that was marked by photograph prior to any investigations commencing.

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Violation of Rule 4.10 False Statements – January 6, 2022 – On January 6, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Walter Robinson, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detective Gatto, and Police Cadets J. Carrington and T. Gertsinger conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. At the time of the incident, Cadets Carrington and Gertsinger were under the age of 21; the cadets were given a departmental \$20 bill that was marked by photograph prior to any investigations commencing.

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cash register, which was recorded via Police body-worn camera (BWC). The alcoholic beverages and change from the transaction was returned to the establishment. The departmental \$20 bill was not recovered. A BLLC violation was issued for sales to a minor, non-cooperation due to failure to produce the departmental \$20 bill, and making a false statement. The joint agency task force departed without further incident.

3. **Yoon Woo Kim, Young Ye Kim, and Kyu Y. So, A & P Liquors, Inc., T/a No Rush Liquors, 825 Poplar Grove Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – April 7, 2022** – On April 7, 2022 Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Inspector Walter Robinson along with Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detectives Gatto and Lebrun conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Cadets J. Carrington and D. Randall, who at the time of the incident were both under the age of 21. Prior to the incident, a departmental \$20 bill was “marked” for identification via photograph to be traced as the cash used to make a purchase. At approximately 8:45pm, the two Cadets entered the establishment. The cadets successfully purchased two (2) 100ml bottles of 1800 Silver Tequila for a total of \$7.00 and used the marked \$20 bill to make the purchase. Upon receiving the alcoholic beverages, the Cadets notified BLLC staff and BPD Vice detectives of the sale. Staff from the BLLC and BPD Vice then entered the establishment and contacted the operator/server, who was identified as Tomas Kim, verified by his driver’s license. BLLC and BPD Vice staff informed Mr. Kim that he had sold alcohol to minor police cadets. The alcoholic beverages and the change from the transaction were returned to the establishment and the departmental \$20 bill was recovered. A BLLC violation was issued to the establishment for the sale to a minor.
4. **Deneen Gordon and Monica Truesdale, DMT Enterprises, Inc., T/a Garrison Lounge, 3403-05 Clifton Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – April 7, 2022** – On April 7, 2022 Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Inspector Walter Robinson along with Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detectives Gatto and Lebrun conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Cadets J. Carrington and D. Randall, who at the time of the incident were both under the age of 21. Prior to the incident, a departmental \$20 bill was “marked” for identification via photograph to be traced as the cash used to make a purchase. At approximately 9:05pm, the two Cadets entered the establishment. The cadets successfully purchased two (2) 50ml bottles of New Amsterdam Pink Whitney Vodka for a total of \$2.16 and used the marked \$20 bill to make the purchase. Upon receiving the alcoholic beverages, the Cadets notified BLLC staff and BPD Vice detectives of the sale. Staff from the BLLC and BPD Vice then entered the establishment and contacted the operator/server, who was identified as Michelle West, verified by her identification card. BLLC and BPD Vice staff informed Ms. West that she had sold alcohol to minor police cadets. The alcoholic beverages and the change from the transaction were returned to the establishment and the departmental \$20 bill was recovered. A BLLC violation was issued to the establishment for the sale to a minor.
5. **Ruchirababen Parikh and Naima Pliva, Saruni, Inc., T/a Fireside North, 2201 W. North Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – April 7, 2022** – On April 7, 2022 Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector

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

1. **Dennis Lee Gray and Binod Uprety, Robin & Shaan, LLC, T/a Harbor Tandoor, 803 S. Caroline Street** – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class "B" Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1604(c)(2)(i), the Board may issue an additional Class "B" Beer, Wine and Liquor license to a current Class "B" Beer, Wine and Liquor license holder if the new establishment has a (1) minimum capital investment of \$700,000 for restaurant facilities, which may not include the cost of land or buildings; (2) 65% of food sales; and (3) a minimum seating capacity of 150 individuals, requesting outdoor table service, off-premises catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages. Under Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1609(e), the Board may waive the minimum capital investment requirement and the minimum seating capacity requirements if the Board holds a public hearing and reviews the business practice of the license applicant and determines the license holder is in good standing and has a reputable business practice.
2. **Skyler Rafferty and Sejal Samire Prajapati, Liquor Mart, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 5900 Reisterstown Road, Unit F** – Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor – Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class "A" BWL license presently located at 2101 Garrison Boulevard to 5900 Reisterstown Road, Unit F requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.
3. **Jose E. Vargas, El Golazo Bar & Grill, LLC, T/a El Golazo, 110 S. Haven Street** – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
4. **Justin Roger Maret, Pub Classics, LLC, T/a Port McHenry's Tavern, 6500 Riverview Avenue** – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).