

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018 – 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. Donald Higdon, Anthony Scardina, Jr, and Anthony Scardina, III, Higgy's, LLC, T/a Higgy's, 1184 Cleveland Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine, & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 2. Robert Reddinger, At the Port, LLC, T/a Pickles at the Port, 6500 Riverview Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine, & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership requesting outdoor table service.**
- 3. E. Michele Jackson and Gloria Tyler, Smertz, LLC, T/a Blairs on Hudson, 2822 Hudson Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine, & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership and location of a class "BD7" Beer, Wine, & Liquor License presently located at 3123 Elliott Street to 2822 Hudson Street under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1706(b)(3)(i)-(ii).**
- 4. Theodore Stelzenmuller, Blair Hospitality, LLC, T/a Jack's Bistro, 3123 Elliott Street – Class "D" Beer, Wine, & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership and location of a class "D" Beer, Wine, & Liquor License presently located at 2822 Hudson Street to 3123 Elliott Street under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1706(b)(3)(i)-(ii).**

1:00 p.m.

II. Violations:

- 1. Paul A. Gordon, 419 E. Baltimore St., Inc., T/a Jewel Box, 419 E. Baltimore Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License and Class "AE" Adult Entertainment License – Violation of Alcoholic Beverage Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – March 14, 2018 – At approximately 10:55 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadet Bradford Day, who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time Bradford Day entered the establishment and ordered a bottle of "Bud Light" beer from Ms. Lafoya Sharpe, the bartender on duty, for \$7.00. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Bradford Day purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Bradford Day then communicated to the task force that he**

had purchased an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Ms. Sharpe that an alcoholic beverage had been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The task force then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage(s) to the manager/bartender and/or any change that was provided to Bradford Day.

Violation of Adult Entertainment Rule 3.05(a) Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees – March 14, 2018 – At approximately 10:55 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadet Bradford Day, who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time Bradford Day entered the establishment and ordered a bottle of “Bud Light” beer from Ms. Lafoya Sharpe, the bartender on duty, for \$7.00. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Bradford Day purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Bradford Day then communicated to the task force that he had purchased an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Ms. Sharpe that an alcoholic beverage had been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The task force then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage(s) to the manager/bartender and/or any change that was provided to Bradford Day.

2. **Scott Schleupner, SCS Holdings, LLC, T/a Social Pub and Pie, 25 E. Cross Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – March 14, 2018** – At approximately 11:55 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadet Bradford Day, who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time Bradford Day entered the establishment and purchased a bottle of Bud Light beer from Ms. Marissa Trilli. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Bradford Day purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Bradford Day then communicated to the task force that he had purchased an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Ms. Trilli the bartender/manager on duty that an alcoholic beverage had just been purchased by a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The task force then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage(s) to the manager/bartender and/or any change that was provided to Bradford Day.
3. **Chris M. Choe and Chang Ik Choe (PR), Song Choe Enterprises, Inc., T/a OK Tavern, 2301 E. Biddle Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – February 15, 2018** – At approximately 9:40 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadet Cecil Harris, who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time Harris entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml bottle of Jack Daniels Whiskey for \$13.00 from bartender/store clerk Mr. Kih Hyung Park. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Harris purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Harris then communicated to the task force that he had purchased an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Mr. Park that an alcoholic beverage had just been purchased by a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The task force then recovered the marked currency and returned both the

alcoholic beverage(s) to the manager/bartender and/or any change that was provided to Harris

- 4. Priscilla Irizarry and Blanca Pesquera, Ecstasy Bar and Restaurant, LLC, T/a My Cousin Place, 3925-27 E. Lombard Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine, & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – April 7, 2018** – At approximately 11:52 PM, BLLC Inspector Andy Perez responded to the establishment as a result of a 311 Complaint (#18-00257261) for alleged loud music emanating from the location. Upon arrival, Inspector Perez parked his vehicle across the street from the establishment. From this location, he was able to hear “excessively loud music” emanating from the establishment. In addition, Inspector Perez observed an individual urinating against the wall of the establishment approximately 10 feet from its door. Inspector Perez then informed the manager of the loud music and urinating patron. The General Manager, Ms. Blanca Pesquera, lowered the music, but informed the inspector that there was nothing she could do to stop her patrons from urinating in public.

Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – April 8, 2018 – At approximately 12:25 AM, BLLC Inspector Andy Perez responded to the establishment to follow up on an earlier call for service – 311 Complaint (#18-00257261) – for loud music. At that time, Inspector Perez observed two patrons leave the establishment and urinate by the trash dumpster of the location. In addition, Inspector Perez noticed that the music volume could again, be heard across the street from where he was parked. At this time, Inspector Perez informed the General Manager, Ms. Blanca Pesquera, that violations would be issued.

Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – April 20, 2018 – At approximately 11:12 PM, Chief Inspector Fosler was on the 3900 block of East Lombard Street conducting an inspection at a neighboring bar, when he heard loud music emanating from the establishment. Upon hearing the music, Chief Fosler and Agent Chrissomallis approached and entered the establishment and heard excessively loud music emanating from the establishment. Chief Fosler and Agent Chrissomallis warned the manager of the establishment to lower the music at that time. Fosler and Chrissomallis left the establishment and continued their investigation at the neighboring bar. Upon completing their investigation at the neighboring bar at approximately 11:50 PM, they exited the bar and heard loud music emanating from the establishment again. At that time, Chief Fosler instructed Agent Chrissomallis to issue a violation to the establishment.

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~~**Violation of Rule 3.09(b) Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations – April 14, 2018**~~ – At approximately 12:10 AM members of the Social Club Task Forces, which includes participants from

~~the Baltimore City Police Department, Housing Department, Health Department, Fire Department, and the BLLC, conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon arriving at the location the SCTF entered and began their investigation. Health Inspectors Melanie Clark and Todd Ward observed that the kitchen area was dirty and unsanitary and determined that the establishment should be closed.~~

~~**Violation of Rule 3.03(a) Records – April 14, 2018** – At approximately 12:10 AM members of the Social Club Task Forces, which includes participants from the Baltimore City Police Department, Housing Department, Health Department, Fire Department, and the BLLC, conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, Agent Chrissomallis requested a copy of the establishment's alcoholic beverage invoice records. At the time, the manager of the establishment could not provide a copy of the records to the BLLC.~~

~~**Violation of Rule 3.03(c) Records – April 14, 2018** – At approximately 12:10 AM members of the Social Club Task Forces, which includes participants from the Baltimore City Police Department, Housing Department, Health Department, Fire Department, and the BLLC, conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, Agent Chrissomallis requested a copy of the establishment's employee records. At the time, the manager of the establishment could not provide a copy of the records to the BLLC. POSTPONED~~

6. **Sara Coughlin, Lindy Promotions, Inc., T/a Lindy Promotions, 3645 Beach Drive Boulevard – Pub Tour License – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-1101.1(d)(2)(iii)2 – March 9, 2018 – Unit Block of East Cross Street** – At approximately 12:28 PM, BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler received an email from community representatives concerning the Federal Hill Irish Stroll scheduled for March 10, 2018. Specifically, the email alleged that Lindy Promotions, the promoter of a pub crawl “the Federal Hill Irish Stroll” was illegally promoting “One Star Country Club,” located at 38 East Cross Street, as a participant of “the Federal Hill Irish Stroll.” Upon receiving the complaint, Chief Inspector Fosler visited Lindypromotions.com and observed that “One Star Country Club” was indeed listed as a participating establishment in the “Federal Hill Irish Stroll.” Chief Fosler then reviewed the Department of Transportation (DOT) and BLLC permits to determine if “One Star Country Club” was listed as a participating establishment in the “the Federal Hill Irish Stroll.” A review of the applicable permits indicated that “One Star Country Club” was not a participating establishment and that it should be stricken from promotion as such by Lindy Promotions. Chief Fosler then contacted Lindy Promotions and informed the licensee/promoter that the law did not allow them to promote “One Star Country Club” as a participating establishment because they were neither listed on the DOT nor BLLC permits.

Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-1101.1(e) – March 9, 2018 – Unit Block of East Cross Street – At approximately 12:28 PM, BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler received an email from community representatives concerning the Federal Hill Irish Stroll scheduled for March 10, 2018. Specifically, the email alleged that Lindy Promotions, the promoter of a pub crawl “the Federal Hill Irish Stroll” was illegally promoting “One Star Country Club,” located at 38 East Cross Street, as a participant of “the Federal Hill Irish Stroll.” Upon receiving the complaint, Chief Inspector Fosler visited Lindypromotions.com and observed that “One Star Country Club” was indeed listed as a participating establishment in the “Federal Hill Irish Stroll.” Chief Fosler then reviewed the Department of Transportation (DOT) and BLLC permits to determine if “One Star Country Club” was listed as a participating establishment in the “the Federal Hill Irish Stroll.” A review of the

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