

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 – 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.

11:00 a.m.

I. Violations:

- 1. Candice Bruno and John Potts, Jr., Ira Godfrey and Associates, T/a Old Major, 900 S. Carey Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.09 (b) Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations – November 8, 2019** – At approximately 11:00 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department, the Health Department and the BLLC conducted an inspection of this establishment. Upon conducting their inspection, Baltimore City Health Inspector Rice, with the assistance of another Health Department Inspector, found the following violations: (1) rodent droppings throughout the basement; and (2) several live rodent running around in the basement. These violations were brought to the attention of Mr. Aden Mohamed, the night manager on-duty, by the Health Department. As a result of the Health Code violations, the establishment was closed for the weekend until the violations discovered could be abated.
- 2. Natile Di Francesco, Pig & Rooster Smokehouse, LLC, T/a Pig & Rooster Smokehouse, 3242 Foster Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.09 (b) Restroom and Health Regulations – January 4, 2020** – At approximately 12:35 AM, the Baltimore City Police Department, Health Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Fire Department, and BLLC conducted an inspection of this location. Upon Investigation, Inspectors Rice and Mathers of the Health Department found infestation of roaches within the kitchen area. They also reported that the kitchen area had unsanitary conditions. Inspectors Rice and Mathers then informed Ms. Genisse Roundtree, the night manager, and Ms. Natile Di Francesco, the licensee, of the violation and ordered the premises closed until the conditions could be abated.
- 3. Rupak Karki and Robert Tompori, Eva Group, LLC, T/a Pratt Liquors & Bar, 1812 W. Pratt Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – February 5, 2020** – At approximately 11:25 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 Stokes, who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time, Stokes entered the establishment and purchased a 375ml bottle of “Peach Amsterdam” Vodka from the store clerk/bartender, a Mr. Keith Love. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Stokes purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Stokes then communicated to the task force that he was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Mr. Love 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) and/or any change that was provided to Stokes to Mr. Love.

4. **Patrick Aquia and Sherry L. Palumbo, Sole Proprietorship, T/a Sherry's Place, 238 S. Broadway** – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – March 11, 2020** – At approximately 9:05 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 Queensbury, who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time, Queensbury entered the establishment and proceeded to order one (1) 200ml bottle of "Peach Amsterdam" vodka from the store clerk/bartender, a Ms. Marie Butler. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Queensbury purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Queensbury then communicated to the task force that he was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Ms. Butler 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) and/or any change that was provided to Queensbury to Ms. Butler.

5. **Mehari Mengistab, 542 N. Luzerne, Inc., T/a Club Luzerne, 542 N. Luzerne Avenue** – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – March 12, 2020** – At approximately 12:01 AM, 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 Queensbury, who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time, Queensbury entered the establishment and proceeded to order one (1) 200ml bottle of "Peach Amsterdam" vodka from the store clerk/bartender, a Mr. Ghebrftunsae Mengistab. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Queensbury purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Queensbury then communicated to the task force that he was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Mr. Mengistab 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) and/or any change that was provided to Queensbury to Mr. Mengistab.