

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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. **Tesfaye Birru and Fikremariam Worku, Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, T/a Jano Ethiopia, 34 S. Eutaw Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – December 20, 2019** – At approximately 1:47 AM, Baltimore City Police Officer Carpenter responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting. Upon Officer Carpenter's arrival, he observed a trail of blood on the unit block of the even side (the side where the establishment is located) of Eutaw Street. On the ground, the officer observed multiple shell casings of an unknown caliber along with a cell phone and Maryland ID. Also at the scene, Officer Carpenter observed three vehicles parked on the even side of Eutaw Street that had apparent damage from gunfire and a large pane glass window was broken in the parking garage at 11 S. Eutaw Street. No shooting victims were found on scene at the time of police arrival. Further investigation revealed at or around the time of this incident, two males with gunshot wounds that indicated both may have been involved in a gun battle, walked into University of Maryland Shock Trauma Hospital for treatment. On December 23, 2019, Det. Haziminas, responded to the unit block of Eutaw Street where he was able to locate CCTV cameras at 38 South Eutaw Street. Upon gaining access and reviewing the footage Det. Haziminas observed that the shooting suspects/victims exited the establishment on or about December 20, 2019. Det. Haziminas observed these individuals exiting the establishment as a group walking northbound on Eutaw Street without entering any other facilities or vehicles nor meeting any unknown individuals. Moments later both victims/suspects began shooting at each other subsequently striking one another multiple times. Det. Haziminas also observed that the establishment had two (2) security guards that were standing at the front door of the location at the time of this incident.
2. **Sung Koo Kang and Mi Cha Park, Glof, Inc., T/a Oxford Tavern, 1741 W. North Avenue – Class 'BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – January 18, 2020** – At approximately 9:25 PM, BLLC Inspector Terri Chase conducted a compliance inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Chase observed overflowing trash cans with boxes, plastic bags, plastic bottles, and small bags of trash around trash cans on the ground. There was also a broken display counter laying in the alley behind the establishment. There was trash placed in the front and on the side areas of the establishment. Inspector Chase entered the establishment and informed the manager, Ms. Myra Bates Otgonjargal, of the overflowing trash issue, reminded her to ensure that the trash of the establishment was secure and placed outside in an orderly manner for pick, and then issued a violation for the sanitation and safety issues she observed.
3. **Cheryl Hicks and Derek Young, D's Sport Bar, LLC, T/a D's Sport Bar, 45 N. Kresson Street – Class "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) Prohibited Hours – February**

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4. Martha Y. Puryear, Special P's, LLC, T/a Special P's Bar & Lounge, 2738 Baker Street – Class "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 6, 2020** – At approximately 8:40 PM, Baltimore City Police Detective L.C. Greenhill responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation upon receiving a letter from a community representative who stated illegal activity was occurring at the location. The letter indicated that the management of the establishment was allowing customers inside the bar on the second floor to drink and socialize in violation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order issued March 16, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020. Upon entry to the establishment Det. Greenhill made contact with the manager of the establishment, Mr. Sean Puryear, who is the son of the licensee, Ms. Martha Puryear. A review of the alcoholic beverage license indicated that the 1st floor was the only place within the establishment that was authorized for alcoholic beverage service. After advising Mr. Puryear of the allegations, Det. Greenhill asked to inspect the second floor of the establishment. On the second floor of the establishment, Det. Greenhill observed three (3) males, two of which were seated at a folding table and one of which was seated on a couch. Det. Greenhill also observed various open alcoholic beverage containers,

indicating that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on the second floor. Further investigation revealed that none of the individuals located on the second floor were relatives of the manager or employees of the establishment. On May 7, 2020, Det. Greenhill was able to confirm with Housing Investigator McGinnis that that the second floor was not authorized to be used by the establishment. In addition, Investigator McGinnis informed Det. Greenhill that a prior violation had been issued to the establishment for unauthorized use of the second floor.

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5. **Aaron O. Hammons and Samori Wyatt, Shipyard Investors, Inc., T/a Shipyard Pub, 3500 O'Donnell Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 1, 2020** – At approximately 8:10 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Agent Andy Perez and Inspector Cindy Tudhope responded to the establishment to conduct an inspection to ensure that it was in compliance with Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order issued March 16, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020. Specifically, inspectors were conducting inspections to ensure that establishments were not serving patrons nor allowing patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises in violation of the amended Executive Order. Upon arrival, Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope observed four (4) individuals hanging out on the side entrance of the establishment, which is located on South Baylis Street. At this time, BLLC staff observed several patrons being served alcoholic beverages through a service window on the front of the establishment. At approximately 8:35 PM, Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope returned to the establishment and observed – through a window – the same four (4) patrons who were previously hanging out near the side entrance of the establishment, inside of the establishment consuming what appeared to be alcoholic beverages out of 32-ounce clear containers. At approximately 8:38 PM Inspectors attempted to gain entry to the establishment by knocking on the side and front door. A female employee opened the front door and allowed inspectors to gain entry. At that time, inspectors made contact with Mr. Aaron Hammons, the licensee, who was on the premises. Inspectors informed Mr. Hammons that as per the Governor's Executive Order, licensed establishments were prohibited from allowing patrons to consume on-premises for any reason. Agent Perez issued the violation and instructed Mr. Hammons to cease allowing for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on-premises.

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