

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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. Berry Clark, Alex Perez, and Olivia Thomas, Papi & Co, LLC, T/a Papi Cuisine, 1928 Fleet Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – March 11, 2020** – At approximately 2:40 PM, Inspector Kevin Burley and Inspector Alan Southworth (“Inspectors”) from the Comptroller of Maryland’s Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Berry Clark, the licensee and manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages behind the bar, Inspectors discovered that that there were approximately 27 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Clark. Inspectors asked Mr. Clark if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Clark could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Clark that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland’s Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler – March 11, 2020 – At approximately 2:40 PM, Inspector Kevin Burley and Inspector Alan Southworth (“Inspectors”) from the Comptroller of Maryland’s Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Berry Clark, the licensee and manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages behind the bar, Inspectors discovered that that there were approximately 27 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Clark. Inspectors asked Mr. Clark if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Clark could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Clark that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland’s Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

- 2. Gabriela Salas, Charro Negro, LLC, T/a Charro Negro, 4617-19 Eastern Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – February 12, 2020** – At approximately 11:00 AM, Agent Michelle Mangold, Inspector Southworth,

Agent Herndon, Agent Breig, and Agent Cusimano ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Jesus Garica, the manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 135 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Garcia. Inspectors asked Mr. Garcia if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 135 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Garcia could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Garcia that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 135 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to Louis Goldstein Treasury Building, 80 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland for storage.

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3. **Carol D. Wilson, 627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC, T/a Janae's 2, 625-27 N. Duncan Street – Class 'D' Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – January 29, 2020** – At approximately 2:00 PM, Agent Michelle Mangold, Inspector Burley, Agent Breig, Agent Calvert, Agent Cusimano, and supervisor Agent Madison ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted an inspection of the establishment based on information provided to them by Agent Andy Perez of the BLLC. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Ms. Debra Ransom, the manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Ms. Ransom. Inspectors asked Ms. Ransom if she could provide them with additional invoices for the 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits. Ms. Ransom could not produce the invoices upon request. In addition, Agent Mangold contact Mr. Rodney Brown, the "owner" of the establishment, and asked him for copies of invoices

related to findings made by the Inspectors. Mr. Brown informed Agent Mangold that "he was not able to respond to the business" and could not, at that time, provide her copies of the requested invoices. At that time, Inspectors informed Ms. Ransom and Mr. Brown that they were in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland's Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

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4. **Aron Estifanos and Micahel Ghebru, Doc Liquors, Inc., T/a Doc's Liquor, 1501 N. Fulton Avenue** – Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – December 30, 2019** – At approximately 9:45 AM, Agent Michelle Mangold of the Field Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Comptroller's Office conducted a routine inspection of the location. Upon conducting her inspection, Agent Mangold discovered Other Tobacco Products (OTP) that included 925 sticks of Black and Mild, 128 sticks of Dutch Master, 90 sticks of Game, 353 sticks of Backwoods, 124 sticks of Show, 78 sticks of Trivo, 102 sticks of 1882, 10 sticks of Bluntville, and 60 sticks of Good Times cigarillos for which neither the licensee, Mr. Michael Ghebru nor store clerk Bereket Tamrad, could produce receipts indicating that these products were purchased from an authorized distributor. Accordingly, Agent Mangold seized the aforementioned OTPs and issued criminal citations to Mr. Ghebru for illegal possession and sales of OTPs.
5. **Steven W. Preston, The Manor Baltimore, LLC, T/a The Manor, 924 N. Charles Street** – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 31, 2020** – At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street t/a Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriving at the scene and conducting their investigation, BLLC officials found that the allegations against Sangria were unfounded. However, during their investigation into 311 Customer Service Request (#20-

00303110), inspectors happened to notice individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor" located at 924 North Charles Street. At approximately 1:35 AM, Inspector Tudhope knocked on the door was allowed into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, a female, who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the property owner. This individual became very unruly with Inspector Tudhope by directing expletives toward her, telling her to leave the premises, raising his voice, and yelling at Inspector Tudhope – all while not practicing social distancing and not wearing a mask. Concurrently, Agent Clark was speaking with the owner of the corporation that holds the license, who was later identified as Mr. Robert Gay, about not allowing individuals to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises as per Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order 20-05-13-01 and 20-05-27-01. At this time, BLLC staff issued a violation to the establishment and instructed ownership not to allow for on-premises consumption.

Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – May 31, 2020 – At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street t/a Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriving at the scene and conducting their investigation, BLLC officials found that the allegations against Sangria were unfounded. However, during their investigation into 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110), inspectors happened to notice individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor" located at 924 North Charles Street. At approximately 1:35 AM, Inspector Tudhope knocked on the door was allowed into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, a female, who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the property owner. This individual became very unruly with Inspector Tudhope by directing expletives toward her, telling her to leave the premises, raising his voice, and yelling at Inspector Tudhope – all while not practicing social distancing and not wearing a mask. Concurrently, Agent Clark was speaking with the owner of the corporation that holds the license, who was later identified as Mr. Robert Gay,

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Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – May 31, 2020 – At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street t/a Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriving at the scene and conducting their investigation, BLLC officials found that the allegations against Sangria were unfounded. However, during their investigation into 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110), inspectors happened to notice individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor" located at 924 North Charles Street. At approximately 1:35 AM, Inspector Tudhope knocked on the door was allowed into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, a female, who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the property owner. This individual became very unruly with Inspector Tudhope by directing expletives toward her, telling her to leave the premises, raising his voice, and yelling at Inspector Tudhope – all while not practicing social distancing and not wearing a mask. Concurrently, Agent Clark was speaking with the owner of the corporation that holds the license, who was later identified as Mr. Robert Gay, about not allowing individuals to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises as per Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order 20-05-13-01 and 20-05-27-01. At this time, BLLC staff issued a violation to the establishment and instructed ownership not to allow for on-premises consumption.