

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

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10:30 a.m.

I. Violations:

- 1. Mohammad Manocheh, Fisherman’s Wharf Inner Harbor, Inc., T/a Mo’s Fisherman’s Wharf, 219 President Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – April 27, 2022** – On April 27, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Inspector Rosalba Jordan along with Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detective Lebrun and Sergeant Leisher conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Cadets Myles and Anderson, 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 9:00pm, the two Cadets entered the establishment. The cadets went to the bar, ordered two (2) Tito’s Vodka drinks, which were furnished by an employee. Upon being furnished the beverages, the Cadets exited the establishment and notified BLLC and BPD Vice. BLLC and BPD Vice then entered the establishment and contacted the seller/bartender, who was identified as Melissa Ann Gogotta, which they verified via Maryland driver’s license. BLLC and BPD Vice informed Ms. Gogotta that she had served/furnished alcoholic beverages to minor police cadets. A BLLC violation was written up and all staff left the establishment without further incident.
- 2. Brooke Alyssa Perrin and Anju Silwal Poudel, Rudra, LLC, T/a Orleans Liquors, 401 N. Montford Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – May 25, 2022** – On May 25, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Agent Andy Perez and Inspector Rosalba Jordan along with Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detective Gatto and Sergeant Leisher conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Cadets Carrington and Cromer, 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 10:30pm, the two Cadets entered the establishment. The cadets walked the establishment and purchased two (2) miniature bottles of Tito’s Vodka from an employee. The Cadets paid for the alcoholic beverage using the marked \$20 bill, then exited the establishment with the alcohol and notified BLLC and BPD Vice of the sale. BLLC and BPD Vice then entered the establishment and contacted the seller, who was identified as Shova Kanta Lamichhane, which they verified via driver’s license. BLLC and BPD Vice informed Mr. Lamichhane that he had sold alcohol to minor police cadets. The alcoholic beverage and the change from the transaction were returned to the establishment, and the marked \$20 bill was recovered by BLLC inspectors and BPD Vice. A BLLC violation was written up and all staff left the establishment without further incident.

3. **Xianting C. Cao and Jason Jose Acevedo Rosario, Castle Seafood, Inc., T/a Castle Seafood Restaurant, 3720 Potee Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05 Prohibited Hours – May 13, 2022** – On May 13, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted an after hours investigation at the establishment, after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hours events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspector Tudhope arrived on scene at approximately 2:05am and parked at the Royal Farms, located approximately 500 yards from the establishment, but with a clear view so she could observe whether it appeared open and operating. Inspector Tudhope observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the next 15-20 minutes, Inspector Tudhope observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly opposite the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street, and entering the front door of the establishment. At approximately 2:25am, Inspector Tudhope observed a Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officer drive his vehicle into the parking lot of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope subsequently left the parking lot of the Royal Farms and proceeded to the parking lot of the establishment. Upon arriving, Inspector Tudhope was met outside by the manager, later identified as Mr. Jason Jose Acevedo Rosario via his Maryland driver’s license. Mr. Rosario stated that the establishment was closed, but Inspector Tudhope informed him that she had been observing the establishment and was aware he was open and operating with patrons inside. Inspector Tudhope attempted to enter the establishment, but found both doors locked. Inspector Tudhope instructed Mr. Rosario to open the doors and he stated that he did not have the key, and proceeded to make a phone call. At this point, Chief Chrissomallis arrived at the establishment and made contact with Mr. Rosario. Chief Chrissomallis made multiple requests to open the doors, and knocked on the doors. Chief Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario that it was a fire hazard to lock patrons inside the establishment and that he would have no choice but to call the Fire Marshal to open the doors and allow BLLC Inspectors entry. After approximately 3 minutes, the doors were finally unlocked from the inside, and BLLC Inspectors entered the establishment. Upon entering, Inspector Tudhope observed 3 people inside, and then Inspector Tudhope exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, where she observed approximately 40 or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alleyway and across the street to their cars parked in the lot. Inspector Tudhope returned to the interior of the establishment and joined Chief Chrissomallis inside, where she observed beers and other drinks sitting on tables as well as a charcoal hookah. Inspector Tudhope and Chief Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario, who was on the phone with the licensee, that they would be issuing multiple violations. BLLC Inspectors then left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.08(a) Sanitation and Safety – May 13, 2022 – On May 13, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted an after hours investigation at the establishment, after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hours events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspector Tudhope arrived on scene at approximately 2:05am and parked at the Royal Farms, located approximately 500 yards from the establishment, but with a clear view so she could observe whether it appeared open and operating. Inspector Tudhope observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the next 15-20 minutes, Inspector Tudhope observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly opposite the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street, and entering the front door of the establishment. At

approximately 2:25am, Inspector Tudhope observed a Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officer drive his vehicle into the parking lot of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope subsequently left the parking lot of the Royal Farms and proceeded to the parking lot of the establishment. Upon arriving, Inspector Tudhope was met outside by the manager, later identified as Mr. Jason Jose Acevedo Rosario via his Maryland driver's license. Mr. Rosario stated that the establishment was closed, but Inspector Tudhope informed him that she had been observing the establishment and was aware he was open and operating with patrons inside. Inspector Tudhope attempted to enter the establishment, but found both doors locked. Inspector Tudhope instructed Mr. Rosario to open the doors and he stated that he did not have the key, and proceeded to make a phone call. At this point, Chief Chrissomallis arrived at the establishment and made contact with Mr. Rosario. Chief Chrissomallis made multiple requests to open the doors, and knocked on the doors. Chief Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario that it was a fire hazard to lock patrons inside the establishment and that he would have no choice but to call the Fire Marshal to open the doors and allow BLLC Inspectors entry. After approximately 3 minutes, the doors were finally unlocked from the inside, and BLLC Inspectors entered the establishment. Upon entering, Inspector Tudhope observed 3 people inside, and then Inspector Tudhope exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, where she observed approximately 40 or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alleyway and across the street to their cars parked in the lot. Inspector Tudhope returned to the interior of the establishment and joined Chief Chrissomallis inside, where she observed beers and other drinks sitting on tables as well as a charcoal hookah. Inspector Tudhope and Chief Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario, who was on the phone with the licensee, that they would be issuing multiple violations. BLLC Inspectors then left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – May 13, 2022 – On May 13, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted an after hours investigation at the establishment, after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hours events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspector Tudhope arrived on scene at approximately 2:05am and parked at the Royal Farms, located approximately 500 yards from the establishment, but with a clear view so she could observe whether it appeared open and operating. Inspector Tudhope observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the next 15-20 minutes, Inspector Tudhope observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly opposite the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street, and entering the front door of the establishment. At approximately 2:25am, Inspector Tudhope observed a Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officer drive his vehicle into the parking lot of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope subsequently left the parking lot of the Royal Farms and proceeded to the parking lot of the establishment. Upon arriving, Inspector Tudhope was met outside by the manager, later identified as Mr. Jason Jose Acevedo Rosario via his Maryland driver's license. Mr. Rosario stated that the establishment was closed, but Inspector Tudhope informed him that she had been observing the establishment and was aware he was open and operating with patrons inside. Inspector Tudhope attempted to enter the establishment, but found both doors locked. Inspector Tudhope instructed Mr. Rosario to open the doors and he stated that he did not have the key, and proceeded to make a phone call. At this point, Chief Chrissomallis arrived at the establishment and made contact with Mr. Rosario. Chief Chrissomallis made multiple requests to open the doors, and knocked on the doors. Chief Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario that it was a fire hazard to lock patrons inside the establishment and that he would have no choice but to call the Fire Marshal to open the doors and

allow BLLC Inspectors entry. After approximately 3 minutes, the doors were finally unlocked from the inside, and BLLC Inspectors entered the establishment. Upon entering, Inspector Tudhope observed 3 people inside, and then Inspector Tudhope exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, where she observed approximately 40 or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alleyway and across the street to their cars parked in the lot. Inspector Tudhope returned to the interior of the establishment and joined Chief Chrissomallis inside, where she observed beers and other drinks sitting on tables as well as a charcoal hookah. Inspector Tudhope and Chief Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario, who was on the phone with the licensee, that they would be issuing multiple violations. BLLC Inspectors then left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – May 13, 2022 – On May 13, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted an after hours investigation at the establishment, after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hours events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspector Tudhope arrived on scene at approximately 2:05am and parked at the Royal Farms, located approximately 500 yards from the establishment, but with a clear view so she could observe whether it appeared open and operating. Inspector Tudhope observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the next 15-20 minutes, Inspector Tudhope observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly opposite the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street, and entering the front door of the establishment. At approximately 2:25am, Inspector Tudhope observed a Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officer drive his vehicle into the parking lot of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope subsequently left the parking lot of the Royal Farms and proceeded to the parking lot of the establishment. Upon arriving, Inspector Tudhope was met outside by the manager, later identified as Mr. Jason Jose Acevedo Rosario via his Maryland driver's license. Mr. Rosario stated that the establishment was closed, but Inspector Tudhope informed him that she had been observing the establishment and was aware he was open and operating with patrons inside. Inspector Tudhope attempted to enter the establishment, but found both doors locked. Inspector Tudhope instructed Mr. Rosario to open the doors and he stated that he did not have the key, and proceeded to make a phone call. At this point, Chief Chrissomallis arrived at the establishment and made contact with Mr. Rosario. Chief Chrissomallis made multiple requests to open the doors, and knocked on the doors. Chief Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario that it was a fire hazard to lock patrons inside the establishment and that he would have no choice but to call the Fire Marshal to open the doors and allow BLLC Inspectors entry. After approximately 3 minutes, the doors were finally unlocked from the inside, and BLLC Inspectors entered the establishment. Upon entering, Inspector Tudhope observed 3 people inside, and then Inspector Tudhope exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, where she observed approximately 40 or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alleyway and across the street to their cars parked in the lot. Inspector Tudhope returned to the interior of the establishment and joined Chief Chrissomallis inside, where she observed beers and other drinks sitting on tables as well as a charcoal hookah. Inspector Tudhope and Chief Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario, who was on the phone with the licensee, that they would be issuing multiple violations. BLLC Inspectors then left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 13, 2022 – On May 13, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis

conducted an after hours investigation at the establishment, after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hours events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspector Tudhope arrived on scene at approximately 2:05am and parked at the Royal Farms, located approximately 500 yards from the establishment, but with a clear view so she could observe whether it appeared open and operating. Inspector Tudhope observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the next 15-20 minutes, Inspector Tudhope observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly opposite the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street, and entering the front door of the establishment. At approximately 2:25am, Inspector Tudhope observed a Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officer drive his vehicle into the parking lot of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope subsequently left the parking lot of the Royal Farms and proceeded to the parking lot of the establishment. Upon arriving, Inspector Tudhope was met outside by the manager, later identified as Mr. Jason Jose Acevedo Rosario via his Maryland driver's license. Mr. Rosario stated that the establishment was closed, but Inspector Tudhope informed him that she had been observing the establishment and was aware he was open and operating with patrons inside. Inspector Tudhope attempted to enter the establishment, but found both doors locked. Inspector Tudhope instructed Mr. Rosario to open the doors and he stated that he did not have the key, and proceeded to make a phone call. At this point, Chief Chrissomallis arrived at the establishment and made contact with Mr. Rosario. Chief Chrissomallis made multiple requests to open the doors, and knocked on the doors. Chief Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario that it was a fire hazard to lock patrons inside the establishment and that he would have no choice but to call the Fire Marshal to open the doors and allow BLLC Inspectors entry. After approximately 3 minutes, the doors were finally unlocked from the inside, and BLLC Inspectors entered the establishment. Upon entering, Inspector Tudhope observed 3 people inside, and then Inspector Tudhope exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, where she observed approximately 40 or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alleyway and across the street to their cars parked in the lot. Inspector Tudhope returned to the interior of the establishment and joined Chief Chrissomallis inside, where she observed beers and other drinks sitting on tables as well as a charcoal hookah. Inspector Tudhope and Chief Chrissomallis informed Mr. Rosario, who was on the phone with the licensee, that they would be issuing multiple violations. BLLC Inspectors then left the establishment without further incident.

4. **Ronnie Player, New Club Thunderbird, Inc., T/a Club Thunderbird, 2201 E. Chase Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) – June 30, 2022** – On June 30, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan along with Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detective Gatto arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:25pm. Upon entering the establishment, BLLC Inspectors and BPD Vice Detective observed the business open and operating with seven customers seated at the bar eating and drinking. Inspector Tudhope made contact with Mr. Darnell Lessane who stated he was the owner and operator of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope informed him that the establishment was not permitted to be open and instructed him to close per the requirements of Maryland HB 954 (codified at Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) that restricts the sale of alcoholic beverages in this area to cease by 10:00pm. Inspector Tudhope issued a violation and instructed the establishment to close.

Violation of Rule 4.05 Prohibited Hours – June 30, 2022 – On June 30, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan along with

Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) Detective Gatto arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:25pm. Upon entering the establishment, BLLC Inspectors and BPD Vice Detective observed the business open and operating with seven customers seated at the bar eating and drinking. Inspector Tudhope made contact with Mr. Darnell Lessane who stated he was the owner and operator of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope informed him that the establishment was not permitted to be open and instructed him to close per the requirements of Maryland HB 954 (codified at Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) that restricts the sale of alcoholic beverages in this area to cease by 10:00pm. Inspector Tudhope issued a violation and instructed the establishment to close.

5. **Woundim Demissie and James Paul Jones, Gayety 2 Liquors, Inc., T/a Silverman's Liquor & Soul Food, 412 E. Baltimore Street – Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – July 21, 2022** – On July 21, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Agent Andy Perez along with a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors (Underage Task Force). Working as minors were Cadets Carrington and Cromer, who at the time of the incident were both under the age of 21. At approximately 8:55pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment and conducted a check to determine whether they would sell or furnish alcohol to minors. The two Cadets entered the establishment, and successfully purchased two 50ml bottles of Jack Daniels whiskey from the store clerk, later identified as Tomas Tedros Abraha via his Nevada driver's license. The purchase was made using a "marked" \$20 bill that the Underage Task Force had previously photographed for identification purposes. The Cadets then exited the establishment with the alcoholic beverages and notified the rest of the Underage Task Force they had successfully made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the rest of the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Abraha that he had just sold alcohol to underage police cadets. The Underage Task Force then returned the alcoholic beverage and the change from the transaction, and recovered the \$20 bill that they had used to make the purchase. The Underage Task Force then exited the establishment without further incident.

6. **Muna Karki and Bikash Thapa, Kkarki, LLC, T/a Broadway Discount Liquors, 628 S. Broadway – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – July 21, 2022** – On July 21, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Agent Andy Perez and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors (Underage Task Force). Working as minors were Cadets Carrington and Cromer, who at the time of the incident were both under the age of 21. At approximately 11:00pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment and conducted a check to determine whether they would sell or furnish alcohol to minors. The two Cadets entered the establishment, and successfully purchased two 200ml bottles of Fireball whiskey from the store clerk, later identified as Aadesh Ranabha. The purchase was made using a "marked" \$20 bill that the Underage Task Force had previously photographed for identification purposes. The Cadets then exited the establishment with the alcoholic beverages and notified the rest of the Underage Task Force they had successfully made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the rest of the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Ranabha that he had just sold alcohol to underage police cadets. Mr. Ranabha did not have any form of identification on his person, and his employee file could not be produced upon request from Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope. Therefore, Agent Perez had no choice but to accept a hand written

note from Mr. Ranabha with his name and date of birth written on it. The Underage Task Force then returned the alcoholic beverages and the change from the transaction, and recovered the \$20 bill that they had used to make the purchase. The Underage Task Force then exited the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.03(c) Records – July 21, 2022 – On July 21, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Agent Andy Perez and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors (Underage Task Force). Working as minors were Cadets Carrington and Cromer, who at the time of the incident were both under the age of 21. At approximately 11:00pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment and conducted a check to determine whether they would sell or furnish alcohol to minors. The two Cadets entered the establishment, and successfully purchased two 200ml bottles of Fireball whiskey from the store clerk, later identified as Aadesh Ranabha. The purchase was made using a “marked” \$20 bill that the Underage Task Force had previously photographed for identification purposes. The Cadets then exited the establishment with the alcoholic beverages and notified the rest of the Underage Task Force they had successfully made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the rest of the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Ranabha that he had just sold alcohol to underage police cadets. Mr. Ranabha did not have any form of identification on his person, and his employee file could not be produced upon request from Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope. Therefore, Agent Perez had no choice but to accept a hand written note from Mr. Ranabha with his name and date of birth written on it. The Underage Task Force then returned the alcoholic beverages and the change from the transaction, and recovered the \$20 bill that they had used to make the purchase. The Underage Task Force then exited the establishment without further incident.

7. **MD Mazharul Islam, Sujan Subedi, and Sudarshan Subedi, Subedi Brothers, LLC, T/a O’Connor’s Liquors & Bar La Bahia, 4801 Eastern Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – July 21, 2022** – On July 21, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Agent Andy Perez and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors (Underage Task Force). Working as minors were Cadets Carrington and Cromer, who at the time of the incident were both under the age of 21. At approximately 9:55pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment and conducted a check to determine whether they would sell or furnish alcohol to minors. The two Cadets entered the establishment, and successfully purchased two 50ml bottles of Jim Beam bourbon whiskey from the store clerk, later identified as Kathy Lynn Grafton via Maryland ID card. The purchase was made using a “marked” \$20 bill that the Underage Task Force had previously photographed for identification purposes. The Cadets then exited the establishment with the alcoholic beverages and notified the rest of the Underage Task Force they had successfully made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the rest of the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Ms. Grafton that she had just sold alcohol to underage police cadets. The Underage Task Force then returned the alcoholic beverages and the change from the transaction, and recovered the \$20 bill that they had used to make the purchase. The Underage Task Force then exited the establishment without further incident.