

April 11, 2018

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Thomas Graham, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Eric Bowman, Commissioner
ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner
Ken Miles, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

Time: 7:08 p.m.

In the matter of **t/a KOF Sports Café**, Class B, Beer and Wine, Wilomak, LLC, 4869 Glenn Dale Road, Bowie, 20720 – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Olawoyin Akintelure stated that there are no changes to the application as filed.

Corporal Cicale stated that she is with the Prince George's County Police Department; that she had the opportunity to meet with the owners of the business a few weeks ago; that she has spoken with the officer who coordinates the security; that the security plan is adequate; that she does not have any concerns.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the issuance of the Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Nileshkumar Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer, **t/a Marlboro Country Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, Jalaram, Inc., 14808 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, 20772, is summoned to show cause for an alleged violation of Sections 26-1104 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 32 and 81 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County to wit: That the license failed to complete the mandated \$50,000 Capital Investment requirement of the Special Sunday Off Sale Permit. Continued from December 6, 2017.

Nileshkumar Patel stated that he does not need an attorney; that the work is completed; that he has evidence that the work is complete.

Michael Arrington stated that he is a lobbyist for Mr. Patel; that he has a receipt for the work done; that they had previously submitted evidence for the interior work; that the delay was in the exterior changes; that they couldn't make the exterior changes due to the historical regulations; that they were able to get legislation passed to allow for the changes; that they originally did the parking lot and lighting.

Mr. Camacho moved to dismiss the violation, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of Jay C Kim, President/Secretary/ Treasurer, Han M. Kim, Vice President, **t/a Largo Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, J&H Beverage, Inc., 836 Largo Center Drive, Largo, 20774– Protest against the Renewal of the 2018-2019 Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor license. Licenses represented by Paul Jackson, Esquire.

Jay Kim stated that he is a resident of Silver Spring; that he is the owner/operator of the business; that he owns the business with his father; that they purchased the business in 2002; that the license has been renewed annually; that the business is located in Largo; that the area is zoned for major activities; that they have a lease until 2027; that he has not been charged with violation any alcoholic beverage laws; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been charged with violating any gambling laws; that they sell lottery tickets; that he is the number one lottery sales in the area; that he has been able to double the revenue since he purchased the business; that the annual increase is approximately 5%; that this year the increase has been 6%; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that the business is open seven days a week; that he understands the rules and regulations; that he will abide by the rules and regulations; that you must be 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages; he stated the five acceptable forms of identification; that they check all identification; that they have an ID checker book; that they have a UV flash light to check the identification; that they do not allow consumption on the premises; that he understands that he is responsible to maintain the peace and safety in and around the store; that he has police officers as security seven days a week; that he donates to various organizations; that lottery numbers need to be on paper to be processed; that having the numbers on paper eliminates errors; that he walked outside to smoke; that he noticed a physical altercation; that he rushed in to help; that he handcuffed the patron; that the patron was belligerent; that they attempt to stay out of arguments with patrons; that typically their patrons are happy; that he wasn't asked for donations for some years; that he does not do donations for recognition; that he is licensed to have the handcuffs; that he has never been charged with using the handcuffs; that he is certified to carry the handcuffs; that this was a physical altercation; that he makes contributions every year; that the patron was violent, aggressive, combative and threatening; that he was outside when the incident started; that this was a full blown altercation; that the altercation was already underway when he saw it; that he was not certified at the time; that he has had altercations in the store before; that he typically calls the police when incidents occur; that he would use the handcuff to restrain or detain a person; that they are used for the safety of his patrons and employees; that he keeps the handcuffs on his belt; that he did not know what was happening when he walked in; that he was trying to keep the situation from escalating; that the patron was handcuffed for 15 minutes; that the patron calmed down before the police came; that he immediately called the police; that the customer was swinging at them; that he protected his employees; that there have been a lot of robberies in the shopping center; that he has not been robbed; that he refused to sell to anyone without an identification; that they are in a dangerous environment; that the license should be renewed. William Page stated that he is a resident of Suitland; that he is concerned with the peace and safety; that the business is not necessary to accommodate the public; that there are three other stores within five miles; that some people say they are going too far with Largo Liquors; that this business is like a business in the wild, wild west; that the owner is verbally abusive to the patrons; that the operation is degrading to the residents of Prince George's County; that the abuse has continued for ten years; that the business affects too many residents; that this is a reality for too many residents; that the owner is

verbal and physically abusive; that he continues to believe he can operate in their neighborhood; that this is a civil rights issue; that Largo Liquors should be shut down.

Michael West stated that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that in September 2016, he went with a friend to purchase alcoholic beverages; that the liquor was placed on the counter; that the friend who was purchasing the alcohol provided identification; that he was also asked for identification; that when he refused, he was told to leave; that the owner asked if he was wanted or something when he would not present identification; that the business is a deterrent to the community; that the license should be revoked,

Philip Lee stated that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that he entered the store on August 19, 2017 to speak to the owner regarding the incident; that he was met at the door by the owner and a police officer; that the owner showed him his 9 mm gun; that the officer said he didn't want any trouble; that he is a veteran; that he is a part of the coalition to close the business down.

Cynthia Davis stated that she is a resident of Waldorf; that she is the mother of the patron involved in the incident; that she would like to read his statement; that he is still upset by the events;

Nathaniel Davis stated that he is a resident of Waldorf; that he was the patron; that they rushed him; that he has his wallet and keys in his hands; that he was handcuffed; that he apologized for his actions; that the police officer said he would not arrest him; that he was standing up for an old woman; that he could have been another hashtag; that he has worked hard at every job he has had; that this was uncalled for; that he thought they were the police; that his father is a police officer; that words were exchanged; that he was not swinging back; that he was standing up for what is right; that he works for TSA; that he was not resisting that his arm was under him; that he went to Kaiser with a concussion that night.

Olga Hall stated that she is a resident of Largo; that he only went to the business once; that she went to purchase wine; that she was asked for identification; that she presented her debit card with her picture on the it; that she was arrested two weeks later; that she was arrested for assault with a vehicle; that they got her license plate number and had her charged; that she spent three days in jail; that she works at Andrews; that she was arrested at work.

William Page stated that they are focused on the safety of the community; that they would be maintaining the peace and safety.

Richard Day stated that he is a resident of Fort Washington; that he was formally a resident of Lake Arbor; that he has known the owner since 2002; that he has no problem with him; that he supported the Lake Arbor Civic Association; that Mr. Kim can be aggressive protecting the store; that he has told patrons to leave the store.

Officer Foster stated that he is a resident of Temple Hills; that he worked at the business for four years; that the business asks for identification; that he worked for the Glenarden Police Department.

Reginald Russell stated that he lives on Whitehouse Road; that he can't see it; that the Board should reconsider taking the man's livelihood; that he goes there after work; that he works in the public school system; that he has not seen the owner be aggressive; that he is a counselor in the school system; that he has seen things happen at the store.

Jeff Hamilton stated that he is a resident of Sunderland; he is a police officer; that he does not represent the Prince George's County Police Department; that no weapons was displayed.

Karen Cerritos stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville; that she lives near the store; that they are always nice and respectful; that they will fill special request; that they are always nice to her; that they will walk her to her car; that they are always nice and respectful.

Tom Masenberg stated that he is a coach for Frederick Douglas; that he is a resident Mitchellville; that the business has been very generous to their program; that Mr. Kim help them tremendously; that he was a participant in change.org; that this is the first year he has supported his program; that he made two donations totaling \$3000.

Otis Palmer stated that he is a resident of Lake Arbor Way; that goes to the business to purchase scratch off tickets; that he has known the owner for six years; that he has never known the owner to be aggressive.

Shante Berry stated that he is a resident of Lanham; that everyone in the business is nice to her; that she believe this situation was blown out of proportion; that this is not a race issue.

William Page stated that they want to maintain the peace and safety in the neighborhood.

Hakima Muhammad stated that based on the evidence presented that there was more than one incident at this business; that there are concerns with the operation of the business; that there was a line on the exterior of patrons attempting to enter the store; that she is in solidarity with the people impacted; that the patrons are not treated with respect; that the business needs to be stopped before there is loss of life; that these are warning signs; that she is concerned with the noise and anti-social activities; that licensees are not fit and proper people to hold a license.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly E. Markomanolakis
Administrative Assistant

Adjourned: 9:41 p.m.