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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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IN THE MATTER OF:
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Vertigo, Inc. t/a
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Sultra Lounge Viet-Thai : Show
2406 18th Street, NW
                            : Cause
Retailer CR - ANC-1C
                           : Hearing
License No. 82430
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Case #12-CMP-00105
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(Substantial Change without
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Board Approval, Failed to
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Follow the Terms of License) :
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               January 30, 2013
            The Alcoholic Beverage Control
Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
Hearing Room, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite
400S Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson
Ruthanne Miller, presiding.
PRESENT:
RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
NICK ALBERTI, Member
HERMAN JONES, Member
DONALD BROOKS, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
ALSO PRESENT:
FERNANDO RIVERO, OAG
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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	(10:50 a.m.)
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The next case
4	on our calendar is Case No. 12-CMP-00105 Viet-
5	Thai, 2406 18th Street, N.W., License No.
6	82430 in ANC-1C.
7	MR. RIVERO: Good morning, Board
8	Members, Fernando Rivero for the District of
9	Columbia standing in for Senior Assistant
10	Attorney General Maureen Zaniel.
11	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning.
12	MR. WELLS: Good morning, Board.
13	Christopher Wells on behalf of Vertigo, Inc.
14	t/a Viet-Thai and Sultra Lounge.
15	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So you
16	are here for a Show Cause Hearing. Mr.
17	Rivero, are there any preliminary matters in
18	this case?
19	MR. RIVERO: The Government will
20	be dismissing Charge 2 in this matter and
21	moving forward with Charge 1.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Will there be

Page 3 1 any witnesses in this case? 2 MR. RIVERO: Yes. We will have a 3 witness to forward for Charge 1. 4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And 5 will you have any witnesses? MR. WELLS: I don't have any 6 7 witnesses, but can later --8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You may 9 testify? 10 MR. WELLS: Yes, I will testify. 11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All 12 right. 13 MR. WELLS: And if I may present 14 opposing counsel with my exhibits? 15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Rivero or 16 Mr. Wells, are you familiar with the procedure for a Show Cause Hearing or not really? I can 17 just tell you in general, if you would like to 18 19 know how it is going to go. 20 MR. WELLS: Yes. 21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So the 22 Government has the burden of proof. The

Page 4 1 Government goes first with an opening 2 statement, if he chooses to, which just says 3 what he is going to prove. It is not 4 evidence. It's just argument. 5 And then you can also after him do an opening statement or you can reserve your 6 7 opening statement to when it's time to do your 8 case, so you will have that choice. 9 So then Mr. Rivero will call his 10 witnesses and ask questions and you can cross-11 examine his witnesses and we can cross-examine 12 his witnesses. 13 And then he can put in any 14 evidence and documents that he wants, subject 15 to your objection. 16 And then you do your case, 17 witnesses, same thing or maybe yourself. You 18 can testify and then he can ask you questions 19 on your testimony an we can. 20 And then there will be a closing 21 and that's it, basically. 22 MR. WELLS: Can I provide the

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1	Board with my exhibits, too? I don't know if
2	you have a copy of opposing counsel's.
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you have a
4	copy for them?
5	MR. WELLS: Yes.
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So you
7	can give that to our okay. We are not
8	going to enter the process for entering
9	them into evidence is you can move at some
10	point to identify them and offer them into
11	evidence and then the other side can object.
12	But you can give that to our assistant right
13	now, so she has it.
14	MR. WELLS: Along with Board
15	copies? Okay. Okay.
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: We have some
17	exhibits.
18	MR. WELLS: We actually
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you want
20	to wait?
20	MR. RIVERO: Yes.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. We
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1	will wait then until he puts on his case.
2	MR. RIVERO: We don't share our
3	exhibits until we actually put them into
4	evidence.
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
6	MR. RIVERO: So we would not like
7	the Board to see anything that actually isn't
8	entered into evidence at the moment. So once
9	his exhibits are in evidence, then we don't
10	object to having the Board Members review
11	them.
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay.
13	To me it didn't matter whether DeeDee got them
14	now or later, but and I'll need to see them
15	in order to rule on them. But we can wait
16	until then, because we won't be looking at
17	them until that point.
18	MR. RIVERO: Right.
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.
20	So why don't we then if there aren't any
21	other questions, we can proceed then with
22	Government's opening statement.

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1	MR. RIVERO: Thank you.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
3	MR. RIVERO: I'll be brief here.
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
5	MR. RIVERO: The Government today
6	will move forward on Charge 1 of the case,
7	which is that the licensee made a substantial
8	change in operation without the Board approval
9	and that change being providing entertainment
10	after the limit of the hours stated in its
11	license at the time, which was the weekend of
12	January 28 and 29.
13	And the Government will call
14	Investigator Lawson to testify to those facts.
15	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
16	Mr. Wells, do you wish to make an opening
17	statement, at this time?
18	MR. WELLS: Yes.
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
20	MR. WELLS: Vertigo, Inc. is
21	alleged to have violated or substantially
22	change this operation without proper approval.

Page 8 1 We contest that this is totally inaccurate. 2 We have a series of events that I will outline 3 that led up to this incident. And I believe that the District's 4 5 proof is inadequate. I also have some other exhibits that I will bring into -- that I 6 7 would like to present to the Board that show 8 gross misconduct and downright inappropriate 9 behavior on the part of ABRA Investigators 10 Stewart and Maisel. And that's it. 11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank 12 you. All right. Mr. Rivero, your first 13 witness? 14 MR. RIVERO: Thank you. The 15 Government will call Investigator Lawson to 16 testify. 17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Good 18 morning, Mr. Lawson. 19 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Good 20 morning, Madam Chairperson. 21 Whereupon, 22 INVESTIGATOR TYRONE LAWSON

Page 9 1 was called as a witness by Counsel for the 2 Government, and having been first duly sworn, 3 assumed the witness stand and was examined and testified as follows: 4 5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank 6 you. 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION 8 MR. RIVERO: Good morning. 9 Please, state your first and last name clearly 10 for the record, please. 11 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Tyrone 12 Lawson. 13 MR. RIVERO: Thank you. Mr. 14 Lawson, what is your occupation? 15 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I'm an 16 investigator. 17 MR. RIVERO: For whom are you an 18 investigator? 19 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: For the 20 Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration. 21 MR. RIVERO: And for how long have 22 you been an investigator for ABRA?

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1	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:
2	Approximately, three and a half years.
3	MR. RIVERO: Okay. And what are
4	your duties in your capacity as an ABRA
5	Investigator?
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I conduct
7	inspections and investigations for the for
8	alcohol I'm sorry, alcohol licensed
9	establishments in the District of Columbia.
10	MR. RIVERO: Thank you. Are you
11	familiar with the establishment known at one
12	time as Instant Noodles/Sultra Lounge?
13	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
14	MR. RIVERO: Okay. And how are
15	you familiar with this establishment?
16	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, it's
17	an ABC-licensed establishment. I have
18	periodically monitored and conducted
19	regulatory inspections at the establishment.
20	And I'm familiar with the operations in that
21	establishment and many establishments on 18th
22	Street.

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1	MR. RIVERO: Okay.
2	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: In Adams
3	Morgan.
4	MR. RIVERO: I want to turn your
5	attention to January of 2012. Did you have
6	occasion to visit this establishment?
7	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
8	MR. RIVERO: And when was that?
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I visited
10	actually, I had received a complaint that was
11	assigned to me regarding after hours loud
12	music being played at the establishment.
13	I received the complaint on the
14	16th of December of 2011. I went to the
15	I'm sorry, I received the complaint on January
16	26th. The complaint was dated December 16,
17	2011. And I received it on January 26, 2012.
18	I went to the establishment.
19	MR. RIVERO: On what date?
20	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: On January
21	26, 2012
22	MR. RIVERO: Okay.

Page 12 1 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: -- to 2 conduct a regulatory inspection and speak to 3 the owner and staff regarding the complaint. 4 MR. RIVERO: And with whom did you 5 speak when you got there? INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I spoke with 6 7 Mr. Wells and Mr. Madland. 8 MR. RIVERO: And who was --9 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Who was the 10 ABC manager. 11 MR. RIVERO: -- Mr. Wells? 12 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Mr. Wells is the owner of the establishment. 13 14 MR. RIVERO: Okay. And Mr. 15 Madland is? 16 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: The -- he is 17 the ABC manager/general manager. 18 MR. RIVERO: Okay. And what was 19 your discussion? 20 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, I 21 spoke to Mr. Wells and Mr. Madland regarding 22 the complaint that there was loud music being

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1	played on December 16th and Mr. Wells was good
2	enough to retrieve his calendar for the
3	establishment's events and he said that there
4	was no particular establishment particular
5	event that was held on that particular day.
6	MR. RIVERO: Yes.
7	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: And that he
8	recalled that the establishment closed early.
9	I conducted a regulatory inspection. I had a
10	copy of the voluntary agreement with me. And
11	I reviewed license that was the
12	establishment had, at the time, with the hours
13	of operation, sales and entertainment and I
14	went over the documents thoroughly with Mr.
15	Wells and Mr. Madland.
16	MR. RIVERO: Okay.
17	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: And I
18	specifically pointed out the fact that his
19	entertainment hours ended 45 minutes before
20	his hours of operations hours for sales ended.
21	MR. RIVERO: Let me show you a
22	document, which is marked Government Exhibit
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1	1 for identification. A copy of which has
2	been provided to the respondent.
3	(Whereupon, the document was
4	marked as Government Exhibit 1 for
5	identification.)
6	MR. RIVERO: What does that look
7	like to you?
8	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: This looks
9	like the license, the hours that were assigned
10	to Instant Noodles/Sultra Lounge on January
11	26, 2012. It says Savor/Sultra Lounge, but I
12	know there's been a name change since this
13	license was
14	MR. RIVERO: Okay. That was on
15	top, correct?
16	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
17	MR. RIVERO: This is an accurate
18	copy of the document discussed at that time?
19	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, other
20	than the name change.
21	MR. RIVERO: Okay. The
22	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Trade name
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Page 15 1 change. 2 MR. RIVERO: -- Government will 3 move Exhibit 1 into evidence, at this time, which is a copy of the establishment's license 4 5 that existed at the time which the witness has testified to having discussed with Mr. Wells. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Wells, any objection? 8 9 MR. WELLS: To Mr. Lawson or --10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, no, no. 11 Sorry, to this document. 12 MR. WELLS: No. 13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. That's 14 all right now. Thank you. Okay. This 15 document is admitted as Government's Exhibit 16 No. 1. 17 (Whereupon, the document marked as 18 Government Exhibit 1 was received 19 in evidence.) 20 MR. RIVERO: I want to turn your 21 attention then to the part of the license that 22 says entertainment. Do you see the range of

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1	hours there?
2	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
3	MR. RIVERO: Okay. Why don't you
4	tell me where it says here Friday and Saturday
5	what time.
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Friday and
7	Saturday it says 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m
8	MR. RIVERO: Okay.
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Friday
10	and 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday.
11	MR. RIVERO: Okay. Thank you. So
12	you had this conversation with Mr. Wells
13	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
14	MR. RIVERO: and Mr. Madland
15	and you reviewed the VA, okay, and the
16	license. What happened then?
17	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, that
18	was pretty much it then. The conversation
19	centered around the hours and making sure that
20	they understood that it would be a violation
21	if they had entertainment beyond their
22	approved Board hours.

Page 17 1 MR. RIVERO: And did you have 2 occasion to return to the establishment? 3 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Yes. 4 MR. RIVERO: When was that? 5 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: On Saturday, January 28th, at approximately 2:50 a.m. 6 Ι 7 went to the establishment to monitor 8 compliance with the Board-approved hours of 9 entertainment. 10 MR. RIVERO: Okay. Did you go by 11 yourself? 12 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No, I was 13 with Investigator Roxanna Maisel. 14 MR. RIVERO: Okay. And what 15 happened when you got there? 16 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: We were 17 right on 18th Street. I stopped because at 18 the time, 18th Street was under severe 19 construction and there was no parking at all 20 on 18th Street. So in the interest of time to 21 have Investigator Maisel capture any evidence 22 of entertainment, I stopped and asked her to

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1	go into the establishment while I parked the
2	car.
3	And she got out. I saw her walk
4	to the door and show her identification to the
5	doorman and then I pulled down to the about
6	25 yards to the corner of Belmont and 18th
7	Street and I parked right on the corner and
8	then I walked to the establishment.
9	MR. RIVERO: Okay. And when you
10	got to the establishment, what happened?
11	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: When I got
12	to the establishment, Mr. Wells met me in
13	their foyer and he was screaming and
14	hollering. He was pretty upset. And he was
15	insisting that Investigator Maisel was drunk
16	or had been drinking.
17	And he repeatedly stated this. I
18	was kind of surprised, because I had contact
19	with Mr. Wells on previous occasions and, you
20	know, he was always pretty calm and collected
21	when on any other occasions that I had, but
22	this time he was screaming and hollering.
22	this time he was screaming and hollering.

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1	And I tried to talk to him, but he
2	was
3	MR. RIVERO: What was your
4	response to his statements that Investigator
5	Maisel was drunk?
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I told him
7	that Investigator Maisel had not been drinking
8	because she was driving with me that entire
9	evening that I was training her at the time.
10	MR. RIVERO: Okay. And then what
11	happened?
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: He kept
13	going on and on about the Investigator
14	Maisel was intoxicated. And I told him that
15	she wasn't intoxicated because she had been
16	with me. And I asked Mr. Wells had he been
17	drinking, because I smelled alcohol in his
18	breath.
19	MR. RIVERO: What was his
20	response?
21	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: He didn't
22	respond to that.
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1	MR. RIVERO: Okay. Then what else
2	happened?
3	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I informed
4	him of the violation. Investigator Maisel
5	advised him that they were she observed a
6	disc jockey manipulating the music and that
7	they were in violation of their Board-approved
8	hours of entertainment. And I informed Mr.
9	Wells of the violation and I exited the
10	establishment, so that there wouldn't be any
11	further conflict or arguing regarding
12	Investigator Maisel and Mr. Wells', I guess,
13	dispute.
14	MR. RIVERO: What music, if any,
15	did you hear when you were in the
16	establishment?
17	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: You mean
18	what genre?
19	MR. RIVERO: Did you hear
20	anything?
21	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, I heard
22	music, but I don't recall what was playing.
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Page 21 1 MR. RIVERO: But it was music? 2 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, it was 3 music. 4 MR. RIVERO: Okay. Was that your 5 last visit? INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I went 6 No. 7 back the next day on January 29th, Sunday, 8 January 29th. 9 MR. RIVERO: At what time? 10 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** It was 2:15 11 a.m. 12 Okay. MR. RIVERO: 13 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: And I 14 actually did the same procedures, because, 15 again, I wanted to Investigator Maisel to 16 capture any evidence of disc jockey 17 manipulating music and patrons dancing. She 18 got out. She went to the establishment and 19 again, I saw her show her identification to 20 the doorman and I parked my car 25 yards away 21 in the same place, 18th and Belmont. 22 I walked up to the establishment.

Page 22 1 When I got to the establishment, Mr. Wells and 2 Mr. Madland was again extremely upset. Mr. 3 Wells was saying that he was angry because he didn't want her, Investigator Maisel, back 4 5 into the establishment. He was wondering why she came back when she was -- he was insisting 6 7 that she was drunk the previous day and that 8 he wanted her to leave the establishment. 9 And he also stated that 10 Investigator Maisel allegedly assaulted his doorman. His doorman had reported that she 11 12 had pushed him or something of that nature. 13 Investigator Maisel then came to the foyer 14 area while I was talking to Mr. Wells and Mr. 15 Madland and stated that she did not push the 16 doorman. 17 She said she opened the door and 18 the doorman was, I guess, kind of in the way 19 when she opened the door, as she opened the 20 door wide and then she walked right in and that may have been when she incidently --21 22 incidental to opening the door may have made

Page 23 1 contact with the doorman. Investigator Maisel said that --2 3 oh, Mr. Madland stated that the previous day, Saturday, September -- I'm sorry, January 28, 4 5 2012 when we visited, that Investigator Maisel allegedly pointed her middle finger at Mr. 6 7 And I asked Mr. Madland why didn't he Wells. 8 bring that up on that date that we were there, 9 that morning, that Saturday morning and why 10 was he just now reporting this? 11 And he didn't comment about that. 12 Investigator Maisel stated that she saw a disc 13 jockey manipulating music and people dancing 14 upstairs and she said that one of the disc 15 jockeys was dancing to the music when she went 16 up there. So Mr. Wells was informed that 17 there was another violation of operating 18 beyond his approved hours of entertainment. 19 MR. RIVERO: What conversation, if 20 any, did you have concerning changes to hours 21 of entertainment? 22 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** I don't

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1	understand.
2	MR. RIVERO: Did you discuss any
3	changes to hours of entertainment with the
4	licensee?
5	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, when I
6	initially conducted the regulatory inspection
7	on the 26th of January, we I discussed that
8	Mr. Wells I told I informed Mr. Wells
9	that he should submit a request for a
10	substantial change and hours of his
11	entertainment if he wanted to provide
12	entertainment longer than what his Board-
13	approved hours were on his license.
14	He told me that he had a working
15	relationship, he had a good relationship with
16	the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner and
17	that he was working to negotiate terms of
18	changes in his voluntary agreement to reflect
19	that he could obtain Board-approved hours or
20	longer Board-approved hours than what was on
21	his license at the time.
22	MR. RIVERO: Okay. Turning your

Page 25 1 attention to the 29th. 2 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. 3 MR. RIVERO: What else happened 4 after what you just testified to? 5 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, after Mr. Wells continued insisting that 6 7 Investigator Maisel leave, that he didn't want her in his establishment, I went and -- when 8 9 we left the establishment, we reported the 10 incident to my superior, Supervisor 11 Investigator Craig Stewart. 12 MR. RIVERO: Okay. And then he 13 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: 14 went -- the three of us went back to the 15 establishment. 16 MR. RIVERO: The three of us went 17 back to the establishment? 18 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: The three --19 Investigator Maisel, myself and Investigator 20 Stewart, Supervisor Investigator Stewart went 21 back to --22 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I'm sorry,

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1	who was the third?
2	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Supervisor
3	Investigator Stewart, Investigator Maisel and
4	myself went back to the establishment.
5	MR. RIVERO: The same night?
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, or the
7	same morning.
8	MR. RIVERO: Same morning.
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Sunday
10	morning.
11	MR. RIVERO: Okay.
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
13	MR. RIVERO: Then what happened?
14	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I don't know
15	a lot, because I was the same thing, I was
16	parking the car. When I got in, Supervisor
17	Investigator Stewart was having a conversation
18	with Mr. Wells.
19	MR. RIVERO: What did you hear?
20	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Just that
21	Mr. Wells initially when I came in, Mr.
22	Wells was talking to Supervisor Investigator

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1	Stewart. Supervisor Investigator Stewart was
2	responding to him saying that he could not
3	keep Investigator Maisel out of his
4	establishment because she was on official
5	business conducting ABRA business. And that
6	he could not restrict or interfere with her
7	investigation.
8	MR. RIVERO: Okay.
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: And things
10	of that.
11	MR. RIVERO: Okay. And then did
12	you all leave or did you stay further?
13	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, we
14	after Supervisor Investigator Stewart talked
15	to Mr. Wells, we left. I mean, I didn't speak
16	to Mr. Wells or Mr. Madland or anybody else
17	about this.
18	MR. RIVERO: Okay. Let me show
19	you a document, Mr. Lawson, that is marked
20	Government's Exhibit No. 2 for identification.
21	(Whereupon, the document was
22	marked as Government Exhibit 2 for
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1	identification.)
2	MR. RIVERO: A copy of which is
3	already has already been provided to the
4	respondent. And I want to know what can
5	you tell me what that looks like?
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: This looks
7	like a copy of the report that I prepared for
8	the incident with Instant Noodles/Sultra
9	Lounge that occurred on January 26th, 27th
10	I'm sorry, 26th, 28th and 29th.
11	MR. RIVERO: Okay. Take a moment
12	to just go through and make sure that it is an
13	accurate copy, that it has all pages.
14	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, it
15	does.
16	MR. RIVERO: Okay. A copy of the
17	investigation report is in the Agency's file
18	and is part of the ABRA records and so the
19	Government would like to move this into
20	evidence, at this time.
21	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Do you
22	have a copy, Mr. Wells?

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1	MR. WELLS: Yes, I do.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And any
3	objection?
4	MR. WELLS: No objections.
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Then
6	Mr. Lawson's report is Government Exhibit No.
7	2 and it is admitted.
8	(Whereupon, the document marked as
9	Government Exhibit 2 was received
10	in evidence.)
11	MR. RIVERO: No further questions.
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.
13	Wells, do you have any cross-examination for
14	Mr. Lawson?
15	MR. WELLS: Yes.
16	CROSS-EXAMINATION
17	MR. WELLS: Mr. Lawson, on the
18	night of January 26th when you came into my
19	establishment, you made a couple of statements
20	that I would like to clarify.
21	First of all, just for the record,
22	there was a complaint?
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Page 30 1 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. 2 MR. WELLS: On December 15th that I 3 was playing -- sorry, 16th that I was playing after hours? That complaint went no further 4 5 than that conversation. There was no substantiating evidence to show a reason to go 6 7 forward with that. Just for the record. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You know, 8 9 it's -- are you asking Mr. Lawson a question? 10 MR. WELLS: No, no, sorry. I'm 11 just saying for --12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. This--13 MR. WELLS: I just want to 14 clarify, because --15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 16 MR. WELLS: -- it was mentioned 17 as --18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I just 19 want to tell you just because you are probably not that familiar with the rules and 20 21 procedures. 22 MR. WELLS: Not at all.

Page 31 1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So, at this point, it is questions for Mr. Lawson 2 3 based on his testimony. And you save your 4 arguments or statements for your testimony and 5 your closing. MR. WELLS: 6 Okay. 7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 8 MR. WELLS: Okay. Okay. As --9 just a couple of things. Mr. Lawson did point 10 out that I was totally cooperative. And I wanted to mention that when we went through 11 12 that -- sorry, not mentioned. My question is when we went 13 14 through --15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 16 MR. WELLS: Sorry. When we went 17 through the license, Mr. Lawson, it was -- you 18 pointed out that we were in -- we are 19 currently operating earlier, opening earlier 20 for brunch or lunch, which is a violation of the ABRA license. 21 22 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Yes.

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1	MR. WELLS: I in turn, is this not
2	true, said to you, yes, but our voluntary
3	agreement said that without prejudice to open
4	for brunch or lunch, there is no without
5	we can open for brunch or lunch without
6	prejudice.
7	And you then advised to speak to
8	the Alcohol Board about extending these hours.
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
10	MR. WELLS: Did you not?
11	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
12	MR. WELLS: In addition to that,
13	it was I that was it not I that pointed out
14	to you the entertainment hours? I said to you
15	as a matter of fact, also our entertainment
16	hours are until 2:00 and our alcohol beverage
17	sales license says 2:45. And I would like to
18	get that amended. I pointed that out to you.
19	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I'm sorry?
20	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is that a
21	question?
22	MR. WELLS: Yes. The question is

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1	did I not wasn't because you stated in
2	your question in your responses, that you
3	pointed out to me that the entertainment
4	license was until 2:00 p.m. I actually was
5	the one who pointed out to you that it was
6	until 2:00 p.m. and that was because you were
7	more concerned with the with the fact that
8	we were opening for brunch and lunch.
9	MR. RIVERO: Okay. A question,
10	please.
11	MR. WELLS: So the question is
12	MR. RIVERO: Objection.
13	MR. WELLS: The question is was I
14	wasn't it I that pointed out to you that
15	the entertainment license actually went until
16	2:00 and not 2:45? I brought it to your
17	attention. And I think it's important
18	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. That's
19	the question. Did you get Mr. Lawson, did
20	you hear the question?
21	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, I
22	heard well
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1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did he bring
2	it to your attention? He is saying isn't he
3	the one that brought it to your attention?
4	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: You know, I
5	he may have. He may have pointed it out.
6	The conversation was more or less that we
7	recognized that there was his voluntary
8	agreement said one thing and his license said
9	something else. And I suggested to him that
10	he speak with ABRA licensing because it's
11	possible there was an error on his license
12	with regards to the brunch activity and that
13	he should get that straight.
14	I don't recall that I really
15	don't recall the matter where we were
16	discussing about entertainment being on this
17	voluntary agreement, because, as far as I
18	know, I checked the voluntary agreement and
19	the license at the time and it was to
20	initially to investigate the complaint on
21	December 16th, the complaint of December 16th
22	that I received.

Page 35 1 MR. WELLS: Okay. The next 2 question. On the Saturday night. 3 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Yes. 4 MR. WELLS: Sorry, the Friday 5 night, the 28th, you stated that you came into my establishment with Investigator Maisel. 6 7 You never entered my establishment on Saturday 8 night. I actually --9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Wait. You 10 can't testify. 11 MR. RIVERO: Objection. 12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I know. Ι 13 understand you are not a lawyer. Do you 14 understand that, you have to really try to 15 keep this in your head, this is an opportunity 16 to ask Mr. Lawson questions. You will have an 17 opportunity to make your statements like you 18 kind of -- that you are anxious to make. But 19 you have to wait until that time in the 20 proceeding. 21 MR. WELLS: Sorry. 22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Neal R. Gross & Co., Inc.

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Page 36 1 MR. WELLS: Sorry. Mr. Lawson, 2 did you ever enter my establishment on Friday 3 night? 4 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. Friday 5 night, no. Saturday morning, yes. MR. WELLS: Saturday morning, yes. 6 7 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. 8 MR. WELLS: And you -- I would 9 like for the record that we never spoke about 10 the nature of --11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: A question? 12 MR. WELLS: -- a violation on 13 Friday night. We never -- did we speak about 14 a violation on Friday night? 15 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: For? 16 MR. WELLS: On the -- on Friday 17 night, the first night you visited my 18 establishment. 19 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Okay. The 20 first night --21 MR. WELLS: I met you at the front door outside. You -- did you make any 22

Page 37 1 reference to a specific violation on that 2 night or Ms. Maisel? 3 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Okay. If you are referring to the visit we made on 4 5 Saturday morning, it wasn't Friday night. MR. WELLS: Sorry. 6 7 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Saturday 8 morning. 9 MR. WELLS: Saturday morning, 10 sorry, yes. 11 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Yes. 12 MR. WELLS: Saturday morning. INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: So is that 13 14 what you are question is? 15 MR. WELLS: Yes, yes. 16 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: So can you 17 rephrase? 18 MR. WELLS: Did you make any 19 reference to a specific violation --20 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. 21 MR. WELLS: -- on Friday night? 22 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I informed

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1	you that you were that it was a violation
2	of your Board-approved hours, because you
3	offered entertainment after 2:00 a.m.
4	MR. WELLS: Okay.
5	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: That's why
6	we were there. And I reminded you actually
7	I had a conversation with you and I reminded
8	you about the conversation that we had on the
9	26th when we went over all of that. And, yes,
10	yes.
11	MR. WELLS: Okay. Where is Mrs.
12	Maisel or how come she isn't at this hearing?
13	MR. RIVERO: Objection.
14	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Sustained.
15	MR. WELLS: No further questions.
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Board
17	questions? Mr. Lawson, I have a question
18	about there was originally a noise complaint
19	on December 16th? Is that correct?
20	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, yes,
21	ma'am. As I recall, there was an email that
22	was sent from the ABC it's the Advisory

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1	Neighborhood Commissioner's ABC Committee
2	Chairperson Olivier Kamanda sent to the
3	Director regarding a complaint from, I think
4	it was, a Mr. Nixon that he heard music being
5	played at the establishment after 3:00 in the
6	morning.
7	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. But
8	you didn't go investigate until January what,
9	26th?
10	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, I
11	received it I didn't receive it until
12	January 26th, I think. There was a delay in
13	right.
14	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. That's
15	my only question. Others? Mr. Alberti?
16	MEMBER ALBERTI: Investigator
17	Lawson, good morning. Okay. I may have
18	things a little confused. On Saturday,
19	January 28th, when you were there did you go
20	over the license with Mr. Wells?
21	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I didn't go
22	over the license.

Page 40 1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Fine. 2 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Saturday. 3 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So you 4 went over the license on January 26th? 5 26th, yes. INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: MEMBER ALBERTI: That's correct. 6 7 Okay. That is -- is that when you had this conversation about his entertainment hours? 8 9 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. 10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. 11 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: And the conversation about his brunch hours. 12 13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Based on 14 your conversation with him on January 26th, 15 was it your impression that he was aware of 16 his entertainment hours? 17 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, he was 18 I made sure that they were quite aware. 19 clear. 20 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. When you 21 arrived on the 28th, Investigator Maisel was 22 already in the establishment? When you got to

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1	the door of the establishment, Investigator
2	Maisel was already in the establishment?
3	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
4	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Did you
5	make contact with her in the establishment?
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: After a few
7	moments she came downstairs, yes.
8	MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. And
9	spoke to you?
10	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. I was
11	actually inside the when you enter the
12	establishment, there is a foyer.
13	MEMBER ALBERTI: Right.
14	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: And then you
15	can go to the left or right. The right side
16	is where they have tables set up for more
17	restaurant operations. The left side there
18	is a bar on that side also, but on the left
19	side, if you go to the left, there is more
20	open space most of the time. And there is a
21	bar on that side where most of the people
22	most of the patrons are.

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1	And I was in the foyer initially.
2	And then so that we could be a little more
3	private and not around people, we went to the
4	right of the building where the restaurant or
5	the tables and chairs are set up.
6	MEMBER ALBERTI: This restaurant
7	has two floors?
8	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
9	MEMBER ALBERTI: What was do
10	you know what was occurring on the ground
11	floor when you were there, at that time?
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Just patrons
13	there that were in the bar area.
14	MEMBER ALBERTI: So was there
15	music there in that area?
16	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, well,
17	the speakers is upstairs and downstairs.
18	MEMBER ALBERTI: So did
19	Investigator Maisel have a camera with her?
20	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
21	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Did she
22	tell you anything about her investigation

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1	while she was there? Not her interactions
2	with the owner necessarily. The fact of what
3	she might have seen.
4	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: She told me
5	that there was a DJ upstairs and he was
6	manipulating music and that she got pictures.
7	MEMBER ALBERTI: And that she got
8	pictures?
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
10	MEMBER ALBERTI: When did you see
11	those pictures?
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: When she
13	printed them out, probably that night.
14	MEMBER ALBERTI: She would have
15	printed them out that night and you saw them?
16	Is that what you said?
17	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, sir.
18	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.
19	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I was
20	actually going to be preparing the case, so
21	she would have printed them out for me.
22	MEMBER ALBERTI: Did she describe

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1	the setup of the DJ for you?
2	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No, because
3	the pictures she had the pictures that
4	showed the DJ equipment.
5	MEMBER ALBERTI: And in your
6	report there is Exhibit 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, would
7	those have been the pictures that you saw that
8	evening after they were printed out?
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, these
10	are the photographs that she provided with the
11	DJ manipulating the music in Instant Noodles/
12	Sultra Lounge.
13	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Based on
14	your experience as an investigator, how would
15	you describe the activities that you see in
16	these photos?
17	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: That there
18	is a male standing in front of the equipment
19	with headphones on and the equipment is
20	commonly used by disc jockeys to manipulate
21	and play music.
22	MEMBER ALBERTI: I have no further

Page 45 1 questions. 2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Brooks? 3 MEMBER BROOKS: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. 4 5 Mr. Lawson. INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Mr. Brooks. 6 7 MEMBER BROOKS: How long were you 8 and Investigator Maisel together that night 9 and morning? 10 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: That night? 11 MEMBER BROOKS: Approximately. 12 Including the time --INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: 13 For --14 MEMBER BROOKS: -- that you 15 indicated that Investigator Stewart, 16 Supervisor Investigator Stewart also joined 17 you guys later. 18 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I would have 19 to say at least seven and a half hours. 20 MEMBER BROOKS: Seven and a half 21 hours? 22 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Yes.

Page 46 1 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. And did you leave ABRA Headquarters together, riding 2 3 together? 4 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. 5 MEMBER BROOKS: And who was doing the driving? 6 7 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I was. 8 MEMBER BROOKS: At any time did 9 you notice that she was intoxicated? 10 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No, sir. 11 MEMBER BROOKS: Did you smell any alcohol on her breath? 12 13 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No, sir. 14 MEMBER BROOKS: Thank you, Madam 15 Chair. 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. 17 Mr. Jones? 18 MEMBER JONES: Thank you, Madam 19 Chair. 20 Investigator Lawson, I wanted to ask a couple of questions. I probably lost it 21 22 in the details of it, so, please, bear with

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1	me.
2	On the 28th or early in the morning
3	on the 28th, which was that Saturday, you
4	if I remember correctly, you indicated that
5	you let Investigator Maisel out and then you
6	parked down the street.
7	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
8	MEMBER JONES: Some distance away.
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: That's
10	correct.
11	MEMBER BROOKS: Do you have any
12	idea roughly the amount of time that it took
13	from the time that she got out and entered
14	into the establishment, because if I remember
15	correctly you said you could see her enter the
16	establishment.
17	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
18	MEMBER JONES: From the time that
19	you saw her enter the establishment to the
20	time that you reengaged her, can you put a
21	rough time period on that?
22	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, sir. I

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1	would so no absolutely no more than four
2	minutes, roughly, three minutes, because it
3	was actually I mean, as soon as I pulled
4	the corner from Instant Noodles/Viet-Thai it's
5	about 25 yards. And as soon as I pulled right
6	there, I saw that there was enough space for
7	me to pull on the corner and I pulled right
8	there and I walked up to the establishment.
9	MEMBER JONES: Okay. All right.
10	So just to give a good round number, no more
11	than five minutes?
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I would say
13	less than that. I would say three minutes.
14	MEMBER JONES: Three minutes
15	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
16	MEMBER JONES: where you were
17	not in her presence?
18	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
19	MEMBER JONES: Okay. When you
20	reengaged her and you personally entered into
21	the establishment
22	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.

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1	MEMBER JONES: did you hear
2	music on that Saturday morning?
3	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
4	MEMBER JONES: You did?
5	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
6	MEMBER JONES: Okay. Did you have
7	any reason to believe and/or question what
8	Investigator Maisel was communicating to you
9	about the entertainment that was going on, as
10	she witnessed, in the establishment? Outside
11	of the pictures, just was she verbally
12	communicating to you, at the time that you
13	entered the establishment?
14	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No, because
15	at the time, even at the night that we were
16	there, Mr. Wells nor Mr. Madland contested
17	that there was a DJ there. They there was
18	never even discussion that you know, they
19	never denied it.
20	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So did you
21	go out
22	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: So she made
<u> </u>	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: SO SHE MADE
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1	her comments while we were in front of all,
2	you know, of us there that there was a DJ.
3	She took pictures of the DJ.
4	MEMBER JONES: And her comments
5	specifically, to the best of your
6	recollection, was what that she made an
7	impression
8	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, she
9	said that there is a DJ upstairs. He is
10	playing music and people are dancing.
11	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Something to
13	that effect.
14	MEMBER JONES: All right. And you
15	are indicating that she made that comment in
16	the presence of Mr. Wells?
17	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
18	MEMBER JONES: And that Mr. Wells
19	did not, at any point, deny the fact that
20	there was a DJ upstairs playing music and
21	there were people dancing?
22	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. Well,

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1	Mr. Wells initially was busy screaming and
2	hollering about her being drunk.
3	MEMBER JONES: Understood.
4	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
5	MEMBER JONES: But outside of that
6	accusation, did he at any point deny
7	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No.
8	MEMBER JONES: Okay. Did you
9	personally go upstairs and witness what
10	Investigator Maisel had communicated to you?
11	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No.
12	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So you
13	personally did not see a DJ booth or a DJ or
14	people dancing?
15	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No, sir.
16	MEMBER JONES: Were you able to
17	get a can you describe just, I think you
18	have already, so I apologize, but, a quick
19	synopsis of the layout. There is a first
20	floor and a second floor.
21	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. If you
22	go in to there is a door that and there
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Page 52 1 is a foyer area. 2 MEMBER JONES: Yes. 3 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: And you can 4 go to the left or to the right where there are large rooms. The one area to the right is 5 really maintained for restaurant operations, 6 7 because there is always tables and chairs set 8 up in there. And I have never seen them 9 remove them since I have been monitoring the 10 establishment. 11 MEMBER JONES: Understood. 12 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: To the left there is a bar area and there is a DJ booth 13 14 that you can see from the lower level, first 15 floor level where the bar is where most of the 16 patrons congregate. And then there is the 17 second floor. 18 MEMBER JONES: Okay. And upstairs 19 on the second floor is what? 20 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: It's a room 21 that's for the dancing and stuff. 22 MEMBER JONES: Okay. And on that

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1	night, did you see a large number of patrons?
2	Do you recall there being a large number of
3	patrons?
4	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I didn't
5	even enter on that side of the establishment,
6	because Mr. Wells was he met me at the
7	foyer and he was just going on about and in
8	the interest of both maintaining calm, I went
9	to the restaurant side of the building where
10	the table and chairs are with Mr. Wells and
11	Mr. Madland. And then Investigator Maisel
12	came down shortly after that when we were over
13	there.
14	And in the interest of, you know,
15	getting out of there, I didn't tour the
16	establishment. I just well, she said that
17	she saw a DJ up there and that she had
18	pictures, then that was enough for me.
19	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So in the
20	interest of, I'll just say, professional
21	decorum and perhaps personal safety, you did
22	not go upstairs to take that time to witness

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1	it because there was a concern in your mind
2	about the nature of which the owner, Mr.
3	Wells, was addressing you and your
4	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: That's
5	correct, yes, sir.
6	MEMBER JONES: Okay. Fair enough.
7	Did you get the impression, excuse me, scratch
8	that.
9	At what point prior to at any
10	point prior to the 28th, had you had a detail
11	or had any conversation of any sort with Mr.
12	Wells regarding his entertainment hours?
13	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Prior to the
14	28th?
15	MEMBER JONES: At any point
16	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
17	MEMBER JONES: prior to the
18	28th.
19	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, on the
20	26th.
21	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So based on
22	your conversations you had with him on the
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Page 56 1 MEMBER JONES: Okay. When you 2 arrived at the establishment, did you, now I 3 remind you, I understand the same scenario 4 occurred, you dropped off Investigator Maisel. 5 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Yes. MEMBER JONES: She went in and 6 7 just to make sure we are on the same page, 8 would you estimate that that was roughly the 9 same amount of delay between the time that you left her --10 11 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Yes. 12 MEMBER JONES: -- and saw her go 13 in the establishment and the time that you 14 engaged? 15 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. It was 16 probably even shorter, because I went to the 17 quick-step that day. My step was a little 18 quicker. 19 MEMBER JONES: Okay. And keeping 20 in mind your earlier testimony about the 21 safety concerns that were raised in terms of 22 the actions of Mr. Wells the night prior,

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1	which was the 28th, were was there a
2	particular reason why you went to the
3	establishment on the 29th?
4	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well,
5	because, again, I wanted to monitor if they
6	were complying with their Board ordered hours
7	of entertainment.
8	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So the
9	intent was to follow-up on
10	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
11	MEMBER JONES: the activities
12	of what you witnessed on the 28th?
13	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes, sir.
14	MEMBER JONES: And to did you
15	have reason to believe that perhaps Mr. Wells
16	was not in agreement with your guidance that
17	you provided on the 28th? Was that
18	potentially a reason why you went there again
19	on the 29th?
20	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No.
21	MEMBER JONES: No. So would you
22	normally is that a normal practice? A
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1	normal practice of doing an immediate follow-
2	up the next day or within a few days of
3	witnessing or identifying or pointing out to
4	the licensee that there was a violation of
5	some sort?
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Is it normal
7	practice for?
8	MEMBER JONES: So let me back up.
9	You went on the 28th. You observed what you
10	define or what you articulated to the licensee
11	to be a violation?
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
13	MEMBER JONES: Is that a fair
14	statement?
15	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
16	MEMBER JONES: Would it be normal
17	practice in your history as an investigator to
18	go to that same establishment around the same
19	time?
20	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
21	MEMBER JONES: And if so, what
22	would be one of the reasons why you would do
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1	that?
2	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, for
3	one, the reason around the same time is
4	because that was it was around the time
5	that the entertainment hours was approved to
6	end. So the window that the entertainment
7	hours ended, he still could operate and sell
8	until, I think he could sell if I recall
9	correctly, 15 minutes past the entertainment
10	hours. And he could operate 30 minutes past
11	the entertainment hours.
12	So the establishment could remain
13	open and sell, but the entertainment was
14	supposed to end at 2:00. So that's why it was
15	around roughly the same amount of hours. It's
16	a practice of mine if they are violating, to
17	continue to monitor an establishment to
18	determine if they are continuing to violate
19	and to document the each violation prior to
20	and add it to the initial case.
21	MEMBER JONES: Understood. And
22	based on his actions, his being Mr. Wells'

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1	actions, on the 28th, did you have reason to
2	believe or doubt that he would comply with the
3	entertainment restrictions as noted on his
4	license?
5	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I wouldn't
6	say based on anything particularly with Mr.
7	Wells, but based on my experience
8	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: with ABC-
10	licensed establishments that, you know
11	MEMBER JONES: Understood.
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: they want
13	to continue. If they are doing it, then it's
14	not going to stop.
15	MEMBER JONES: All right.
16	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Unless they
17	come before the Board.
18	MEMBER JONES: Understood. And
19	Mr. Wells how did he how would you
20	characterize his actions on the 29th as they
21	related to you and Investigator Maisel?
22	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Well, on the
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1	well, one of the reasons why I
2	understand, this was when 18th Street was
3	really I mean, there was the whole street,
4	both sides with severe construction going on.
5	MEMBER JONES: Understood.
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: So I really
7	didn't have any substantial thing in my mind
8	where I would have felt that Mr. Wells would
9	have continued his conduct towards
10	Investigator Maisel another night.
11	I assumed that because I smelled
12	the alcohol on Mr. Wells' breath on the 28th,
13	maybe he wasn't drinking that night and maybe
14	he would have calmed down and would have been
15	more receptive to Investigator Maisel that
16	night.
17	So it wasn't really a big thought
18	that there was going to be conflict on the
19	29th. So when I let her out and she went
20	inside the establishment, and again, you know,
21	it was very quickly it was even more
22	quicker that night because it's just a matter

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1	of me parking the car and walking briskly to
2	the establishment.
3	And she could not have even almost
4	been upstairs by the time I got there.
5	MEMBER JONES: Understood.
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: And when I
7	walked in the door, you know, again, I was met
8	by Mr. Wells and Mr. Madland. And then the
9	security doorman also entered into the
10	conversation.
11	MEMBER JONES: Okay. Let me just
12	make sure I'm clear. Well, how would you
13	characterize Mr. Wells
14	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: On the 29th?
15	MEMBER JONES: on the 29th?
16	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: He
17	MEMBER JONES: Was it similar to
18	the 28th? Was he confrontational?
19	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
20	MEMBER JONES: He was. On the
21	29th, he was
22	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: He was
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Page 63 1 MEMBER JONES: He was as 2 confrontational on the 29th as he was on the 3 28th? 4 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: He was fine 5 with me personally. He was okay and he was respectful to me, but the way he was talking 6 7 to me about her was -- you know, and I was 8 trying to calm him down and say look, you 9 know, let's talk --10 MEMBER JONES: Understood. Okay. 11 Thank you. 12 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: -- like professionals or whatever, but he was adamant 13 14 that, you know, he didn't want her in there. 15 She wasn't supposed to be there. And how is--16 she shouldn't be in his establishment. Get 17 her out. That kind of stuff. 18 MEMBER JONES: And one last thing. 19 Did he, Mr. Wells, accuse Investigator Maisel of being intoxicated --20 21 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Not that 22 night.

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1	MEMBER JONES: on the 29th?
2	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: But he kept
3	saying that she was in here drunk the night
4	before.
5	MEMBER JONES: Okay. Thank you.
6	Thank you, Madam Chair.
7	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Now, Mr.
8	Alberti?
9	MEMBER ALBERTI: Just real quick,
10	Mr. Lawson. On the 29th, I forgot to ask, did
11	you hear music when you went in?
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
13	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Did you
14	observe anything else that would lead you
15	personally to know that there wa a DJ?
16	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I saw I
17	did see on I could see to the left side
18	lounge area, I did see some dancing in there
19	where patrons were.
20	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.
21	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: So and they
22	were dancing to music. But, you know, I
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1	couldn't see the DJ, because I never made it
2	in that far.
3	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So you
4	knew because it was reported to you by
5	Investigator Maisel?
6	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
7	MEMBER ALBERTI: When did she
8	report that to you?
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: She
10	immediately as soon as she came downstairs,
11	she immediately joined me and Mr. Wells and
12	she told me again that there was a DJ and she
13	got pictures.
14	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Did anyone
15	deny that there was a DJ up there that
16	evening?
17	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No. No,
18	sir.
19	MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Wells didn't?
20	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No. His
21	focus was on, you know, why was she in my
22	establishment again when I didn't want her

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1	here.
2	MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you. I
3	have no further questions.
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I just have
5	one clarifying question. Mr. Lawson, when you
6	were asking or answering Mr. Brooks' question
7	about spending time with Ms. Maisel and you
8	said you drove around for seven and a half
9	hours or you were with her that whole day,
10	were you referring to the 28th? The day of
11	the 28th?
12	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Actually,
13	both days.
14	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Both days.
15	Okay. And those seven and a half hours were
16	right before you went to this establishment?
17	Is that right?
18	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: I was
19	yes. Because we work eight hour or eight and
20	a half hour shifts, so I would say at you
21	know, only it probably was an hour of being
22	in the office, but other than that driving

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1	around we were together the whole night.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And you
3	didn't see her take a drink?
4	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No, ma'am.
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I
6	don't have any other questions. Anybody else?
7	Any redirect?
8	MR. RIVERO: Yes.
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
10	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
11	MR. RIVERO: Mr. Lawson, I'm going
12	to show you again Government's Exhibit 1.
13	This is the license of the establishment at
14	the time and it is admitted into evidence.
15	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes.
16	MR. RIVERO: Go ahead and look at
17	the column where it says sales and go ahead
18	and read me the ending time for sales for
19	Friday and Saturday.
20	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: 2:45 a.m.
21	MR. RIVERO: And now go to the
22	next column where it says entertainment.
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Page 68 1 Please, read the ending time for entertainment on Friday and Saturday. 2 3 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: 2:00 a.m. 4 MR. RIVERO: Thank you. And my 5 one last question, Mr. Lawson, in your official capacity, we're not talking about, 6 7 you know, elsewhere in your life, how much 8 time, period of time, have you spent observing 9 people that were intoxicated? 10 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Oh --MR. RIVERO: Only in your official 11 12 capacity, mind you. 13 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** In my 14 official capacity where? 15 MR. RIVERO: That's right. 16 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: At ABRA or --17 MR. RIVERO: At ABRA as an 18 investigator. So we are talking about three 19 years. 20 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** Okay. 21 MR. RIVERO: Of those three years, 22 how much time have you spent observing people

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1	who are intoxicated?
2	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Three years.
3	MR. RIVERO: Okay. And so you
4	would say then that based on your would you
5	say based on your three years of experience
6	observing people, what would you say when you
7	compare Investigator Maisel's behavior with
8	you that weekend?
9	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: That she
10	MR. RIVERO: Is there a match?
11	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: was
12	sober.
13	MR. RIVERO: Thank you.
14	INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Sober.
15	MR. RIVERO: No further questions.
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.
17	Wells?
18	MR. WELLS: Yes, one question.
19	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
20	MR. WELLS: Mr. Lawson, at any
21	point, did you see a disc jockey playing music
22	in my establishment?

Page 70 1 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Personally, 2 no, I didn't. 3 MR. WELLS: At any point, did you see Ms. Maisel's conduct in the area of Sultra 4 5 Lounge where this entire complaint and basis of this is transpired? Did you see any of her 6 actions? As you stated, you were at the foyer 7 outside the door. 8 9 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Yes. 10 MR. WELLS: Did you see any of her 11 actions inside my establishment? 12 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Inside? 13 MR. WELLS: Yes. 14 **INVESTIGATOR LAWSON:** No. 15 MR. WELLS: Okay. No further 16 questions. 17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Any 18 other questions? 19 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Oh, correct 20 that. I saw when she came and joined us, if 21 that's what you mean. 22 MR. WELLS: After she exited my

Page 71 1 establishment. 2 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: No, when she 3 came to talk. When we were talking and she 4 came from upstairs or wherever she was. Ι 5 didn't observe her upstairs taking the photographs, but when she joined us as we were 6 7 having the discussions and you were talking to 8 me and I was talking to you and Mr. Madland, 9 yes. 10 MR. WELLS: Permission to clarify? 11 Mr. Lawson, by his own statements, never got 12 outside of my foyer and the entry point to the 13 door. 14 MR. RIVERO: Objection. 15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is that a 16 question? 17 MR. RIVERO: Question please. 18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's only 19 questions. It's only questions. You can 20 clarify later in your closing argument what 21 the testimony was. 22 Okay. No further MR. WELLS:

Page 72 1 questions. 2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All 3 right. You can be excused. Thank you very 4 much. 5 INVESTIGATOR LAWSON: Thank you. 6 (Whereupon, witness was excused.) 7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any other 8 witnesses? 9 MR. RIVERO: No. The Government 10 is finished with its case. 11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr. Wells? 12 13 MR. WELLS: Okay. What I would 14 like to do is outline my version of events 15 surrounding --16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right. 17 I'm going to -- if you are going to do that, 18 it's testimony. 19 MR. WELLS: Oh, I'm sorry. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, that's 20 21 okay. It will be evidence if you are under 22 oath. Are you okay over there with your

Page 73 1 papers? Otherwise, I --2 MR. WELLS: I would prefer to stay 3 here. 4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right. 5 You can do that. MR. RIVERO: No objection. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank 8 you. I'm going to swear you in. 9 Whereupon, 10 CHRISTOPHER WELLS 11 was called as a witness for the Licensee, and 12 having been first duly sworn, assumed the witness stand and was examined and testified 13 14 as follows: 15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So you 16 can proceed with your testimony as you like. 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 MR. WELLS: Okay. This weekend 19 started on January 26th when Investigator 20 Lawson came into my establishment, asked to 21 see the manager on -- asked to see the 22 license, presented his ID, asked to see the

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1	license.
2	My manager came and contacted me.
3	I spoke to Mr. Lawson. Mr. Lawson and I have
4	interacted in the past and as he said, I have
5	no personal complaint against Mr. Lawson
6	whatsoever. On every occasion he has handled
7	himself with the utmost professionalism.
8	Mr. Lawson brought to my attention
9	the fact that a complaint was raised on
10	December 16th. This was about 40 days before.
11	I said, Mr. Lawson, no idea, no knowledge, no
12	recollection. Let me go check my calendar.
13	I went, checked my calendar, there was no
14	incident reported and I did see on Thursday
15	evening it's generally slow. So we are
16	usually out of there by 12:00, by midnight.
17	Okay. I later so Mr. Lawson
18	then pointed out that, you know, your license
19	right now, you guys are open for lunch, you
20	are in violation. So I looked at it and I
21	said, you know what, you are absolutely right.
22	We start sales at this the license says

Page 75 1 5:30, but we are open for lunch and brunch. 2 In addition to that, I pointed out 3 that the voluntary agreement says there is no 4 prejudice towards us opening for lunch or 5 brunch. Mr. Lawson suggested I go see ABRA as soon as possible to resolve the situation. 6 7 The next morning, and this is exhibit number -- I have four exhibits here 8 9 stapled together. I'm not sure what the best 10 way to present them is. I'm going to go 11 through each of them. 12 MR. RIVERO: Okay. Right away, no 13 objection and --14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No objection 15 to the exhibits? 16 MR. RIVERO: No. Let's just bring 17 them all in. 18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okav. 19 MR. RIVERO: And let's just go 20 ahead. 21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right. 22 Let me see what they are.

Page 76 1 MR. WELLS: Thank you. 2 MR. RIVERO: Copies to the Board. 3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Over here. 4 MR. WELLS: I'm sorry. 5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You can give it to us. Mr. Wells, if we are going to put 6 7 these in, do you want to just say what they 8 are right now? 9 MR. WELLS: Sure. 10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Would that 11 work for you? 12 MR. WELLS: Sure. 13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 14 MR. WELLS: Absolutely. Exhibit 15 No. 1. 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. 17 MR. WELLS: Is a letter I wrote to 18 ABRA on January 30th surrounding the incidents 19 which transpired that weekend along with a 20 formal complaint against Investigator Stewart 21 and Investigator Maisel surrounding their 22 conduct over the weekend.

Page 77 1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 2 MR. WELLS: Exhibit No. 2 is an 3 email exchange between Director Moosally and myself. This exchange, as I will go into 4 5 later, I will go into it later, because it's an email exchange between Mr. Moosally and 6 7 myself. 8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. 9 MR. WELLS: Exhibit 3 is a letter 10 to ABRA requesting the hours to change, to 11 change my hours of operation dated January 12 30th, also, the Monday. And Exhibit 4 is the photograph 13 14 taken by Investigator Maisel in my 15 establishment. 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And 17 Mr. Rivero has no objection, so I'm going to 18 admit all of these exhibits as Licensee's 19 Exhibits 1 through 4. 20 (Whereupon, the documents were marked for identification as 21 22 Licensee Exhibit 1 through 4 and

Page 78 1 were received in evidence.) 2 Thank you. MR. WELLS: 3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank 4 you. 5 MR. RIVERO: No objection. MR. WELLS: So to continue where I 6 7 left off, Investigator Lawson suggested I go 8 talk to ABRA as soon as possible to resolve 9 this issue with the entertainment hours. 10 I went the next morning, January 11 26th -- sorry, 27th to ABRA, spoke to a 12 licensing specialist. I asked to speak to Mr. 13 Moosally directly. He was not in. I then was 14 directed to a licensing specialist who then 15 directed me to an adjudication specialist who 16 was not available at that time. 17 But so I left. When I was 18 leaving, I encountered Mr. Moosally in the 19 lobby and I introduced myself. I said to him, 20 you know, Investigator Lawson came in last 21 night. I would like to change these hours. 22 He said -- he told me the procedure.

Page 79 1 He said if there is -- and I asked 2 him, I said well, my voluntary agreement says 3 there is no prejudice. He said it shouldn't be a problem. Here is the number for Bill 4 5 Hager, contact him to make sure we have the same voluntary agreement on file. 6 7 All this is the next day. 8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. 9 MR. WELLS: Friday during the day. 10 Mr. Hager, I contacted 4:00 in the afternoon, 11 said to me to make sure the voluntary 12 agreement I have on file is the voluntary 13 agreement in our -- that I have -- that I 14 operate on. 15 I later went ahead and put in the 16 request to adjust the hours on Monday morning, 17 which was subsequently approved, that's 18 exhibit -- well, Exhibit 3 is the request I 19 put in to extend the hours. 20 As you will see, I extended the 21 hours for opening and the entertainment hours 22 for closing.

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1	So moving forward, all those
2	events transpired the next day during the day.
3	The evening of January sorry, Saturday
4	morning, January 28th. Okay. On that
5	evening, Investigator Maisel, who I did not
6	know at the time who she was, entered my
7	establishment at about 2:50.
8	She proceeded to she walked in
9	and started taking pictures walking around the
10	place, visibly stumbling around the place. I
11	said to her excuse me she was by herself.
12	I said to her excuse me, who are you? Ms.
13	Maisel continued to walk around taking
14	pictures.
15	She walked upstairs. She is
16	taking pictures. I said I'm sorry, can I help
17	you with something? Who are you? At this
18	point in time, she just she hasn't
19	responded. She is just moving around. She
20	goes back downstairs and comes out the
21	mezzanine area where the DJ is positioned.
22	The allegation is that my DJ was

Page 81 1 playing music. I have one system that 2 operates that entire building that is two CD 3 players that sit externally on the mezzanine 4 area. 5 Those players play CDs seven days If a DJ is in operation at the same a week. 6 7 time, he will be on that equipment playing 8 music. That's where the -- everything 9 happens. The music is played regardless of a 10 DJ or not. 11 So I am always going to have in my 12 establishment two CD players and a mixer 13 setup, any day of the week. Okay. 14 So at this point in time, I have 15 gotten no response from Ms. Maisel as to who 16 she is. So I walk downstairs and position 17 myself by the front door. I said to her, I 18 said -- so by now she is walking out. This is 19 -- I said, I'm sorry, who are you? She said 20 you don't want to go there. 21 I said what do you mean I don't 22 want to go there? Who are you? I have no

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1	idea who you are. Ms. Maisel says okay, you
2	really want to go there? She reaches in her
3	blouse and pulls out an ID card and sticks it
4	back in her blouse.
5	I said I'm sorry, I couldn't read
6	that. So she pulls it out again. I said and
7	do you have a business card? She is like yes.
8	She hands me a business card. I said, you
9	know, I said clearly you are operating like
10	you are intoxicated. I wasn't the only person
11	that felt this way. I have witnesses that
12	will say attest to the same thing.
13	She literally so she literally
14	handed me the card. She said you are in
15	violation. And she walked out the door. No,
16	sorry, she didn't even say you're in
17	violation. She just walked out the door.
18	At this point in time, I turn
19	around, open the door to go behind her. Mr.
20	Lawson is outside of my establishment. At no
21	time did Mr. Lawson enter my establishment.
22	He is now walking up to the front door. I

Page 83 1 opened the door. 2 I said Mr. Lawson, she is intoxicated. Why is she in my establishment? 3 She is intoxicated, visibly intoxicated. 4 She 5 stands up and looks at me and makes no comment to refute that. Absolutely nothing. 6 She 7 literally turns around. Mr. Lawson says come 8 on, Jonathan. I said come on what? She is visibly intoxicated. She turns around -- she 9 10 then turns around and just walks off. 11 Who does not refute any kind of 12 accusation and/or statement that somebody is 13 intoxicated, unless they know that they are 14 properly intoxicated. 15 Anyway, Ms. Maisel continues to 16 walk off. She walks off down the street. Mr. 17 Lawson -- the only conversation we have on 18 that night, zero discussion about -- all he 19 says is, Mr. Wells, you know you are in 20 violation. I said violation? He said yes, you are in violation. 21 22 I said all right, all right, Mr.

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1	Lawson. I said she is intoxicated. She walks
2	he said I'll talk to you later, Mr. Wells.
3	He never steps foot in my establishment.
4	Never passed the pavement.
5	He continues to walk off now
6	behind Mr. Lawson who is Ms. Maisel who has
7	already walked forward.
8	The second night in question. Ms.
9	Maisel walks into my establishment at,
10	approximately, 2:18. She comes up to the
11	front. I did not witness this. My security
12	guard, who is an employee of the DOJ, sorry,
13	the State Department and works security at my
14	door literally I'll go to his story/
15	conversation with him after.
16	She walks in the door. Again, I
17	encounter her in the bar area where she is
18	telling two patrons move aside, right? She is
19	telling them she goes like this, move aside
20	and she has got a camera to take a picture of
21	a beverage between the two of them.
22	It is 2:18 in the morning, okay?

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1	I said you are back again? I said can I help
2	you with something? You are in violation.
3	you are supposed to be closed at 2:00. I paid
4	no attention to this. She walks upstairs and
5	she takes a picture of the DJ. She goes up to
6	the second floor, takes another picture of the
7	DJ, comes downstairs, walks to the front.
8	By this time, I am walking to the
9	front also. Mr. Lawson is now coming in the
10	front door. So I said, Mr. Lawson, let's go
11	have a word. My establishment is divided into
12	two sides. The bar area where all of this
13	transpired is all of these buildings.
14	Next door is the full seating
15	restaurant. We go to the left to the
16	restaurant. I was visibly upset, because it
17	was totally I have never dealt with any
18	ABRA Investigator who did not identify
19	themself from the time they entered the
20	establishment.
21	Never said can I see your ID.
22	Never showed their ID openly when they first
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1	said usually the policy is hi, I'm
2	Investigator Stewart or I'm Investigator
3	Lawson, I would like to see X, Y and Z or we
4	are here on X, Y, Z. No identification
5	whatsoever.
6	Okay. Fine. So she so I tell
7	Mr. Lawson that. I said I have never seen
8	such unprofessional behavior in my life. And
9	she is back again when last night you know I
10	told you I it is my personal opinion that
11	she was totally intoxicated.
12	Mr. Lawson walks out. Mr. Lawson
13	said, Mr. Wells, you know, you are in
14	violation. I'm going to leave. Basically,
15	not those exact words I'm going to leave, but
16	we didn't have any extended Mr. Lawson
17	makes reference to having extended
18	conversations about the license.
19	There was absolutely no need to
20	have a conversation about the license, because
21	on Thursday night we fully had a discussion
22	about the license. I pointed things out to

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1	Mr. Lawson.
2	For example, the fact that no,
3	there wasn't just an issue with opening, there
4	was an issue with the time we closed, that our
5	entertainment stopped at 2:00 and we went
6	until 2:45. I pointed that out to Mr. Lawson.
7	And it was my contention that I need to get
8	this adjusted.
9	Now, before Friday night, I had
10	every expectation of ABRA coming in there on
11	that weekend, so I made sure every one of my
12	DJs knew you are not supposed to play any
13	music after 2:00 a.m., that is our cut off
14	time. Can we still have music in the
15	establishment? Absolutely.
16	Can you be disc jockeying music in
17	the establishment? No. That was my
18	understanding of the license. If that is a
19	mistake, I'm guilty as charged. My
20	understanding is that you can still play music
21	in the establishment, you just cannot have a
22	disc jockey spinning DJing, interactively

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1	playing that music.
2	Keep in mind what I said, my house
3	system is my music system. It is there seven
4	days a week.
5	Okay. So after that, after all of
6	this transpired, Mr. Lawson leaves. And as I
7	said, we had no extensive conversation about
8	the licensing issues, because I both thought
9	we were on the page same page. But one
10	thing that struck me is that Ms. Maisel said
11	you are in violation. You are supposed to
12	close at 2:00.
13	She walks out the door. I'm
14	standing now digesting this whole thing,
15	writing my incident reports, which is exhibit
16	which is part of Exhibit No. 1, the
17	incident reports from the night in question,
18	which I have. I did right after the incident
19	on both nights.
20	I'm walking back to the door after
21	Investigator Stewart comes. My door is
22	the latch is locked, mind you. He pulls the

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1	door open, pulls it to the point where it rips
2	open. My door is actually locked. It has a
3	fire bolt that locks, but he pulls it so hard
4	it pulls right out.
5	So I'm standing there because my
6	policy is my door is locked when my business
7	is closed. 3:08 he walks in. He pulls open
8	the door. He says who the hell do you think
9	you are talking to my Investigator like that?
10	I said hold on a minute. I said hold on a
11	minute.
12	I said your Investigator was
13	drunk. I did not make I was not then I
14	said she was drunk on Friday night when she
15	came in here. I don't care what you say. And
16	then he says to me how dare you point your
17	finger to an ABRA Investigator. Who do you
18	think you are? I deal with you club owners
19	all the time who think you can do this. I'm
20	going to shut you down. You are supposed to
21	be closed at 2:00.
22	I said wait a minute. I keep

Page 90 1 hearing 2:00. I'm not supposed to be closed 2 at 2:00. I close at 2:45. He is like and 3 furthermore don't point your finger at any Investigator. I said I'm not pointing. 4 Ι 5 said you are in front of me. Investigator Maisel is to the right of you behind you and 6 7 I am pointing her out. I said furthermore, don't come 8 9 into my establishment and speak to me like I 10 work for you, because I have all my employees 11 around me and he was downright unprofessional, 12 threatening and disrespectful to me. 13 Later on after that, he says let 14 me see your license. He is like I'm going to 15 have you shut down by next Saturday. He -- so 16 my manager, at this time, comes up with the 17 board, which has never happened Friday night 18 or Saturday night, not a single person have 19 identified theirselves as -- Mr. Stewart is 20 the first person that identified himself 21 throughout this whole ordeal when he busted 22 open the door.

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1	Investigator Stewart, here is his
2	badge, Investigator Stewart. First person to
3	investigate themselves entering my
4	establishment.
5	Mr. Lawson, granted, I spoke with
6	him before on Thursday night, so I knew
7	exactly who Mr. Lawson was. There was no
8	question as to who Mr. Lawson was.
9	Mr. Lawson never entered my
10	establishment Friday or Saturday night when
11	Ms. Maisel was in my establishment. Not on
12	one single occasion.
13	So my manager brings my license to
14	Mr. Stewart. Mr. Stewart looks at my license.
15	After saying I'm going to shut you down, looks
16	at it, hands it back to him and walks back out
17	and says you will be hearing from me.
18	He then encounters my door guy,
19	Rolando Diaz, who in exhibit the other
20	Exhibit 1 is the testimony from him. Mr.
21	Rolando Diaz said he said, sir, I have a
22	complaint. I have an issue. Your

Page 92 1 Investigator upon entering my bar on the 2 morning of -- Saturday morning pushed me out 3 of the way. He is like she pushed you out of 4 5 the way? There was some interaction there and my -- he said to him, sir, why are you 6 7 He said this is not how -- I'm not velling? This is how I talk. He is like 8 yelling. 9 well, is it also the policy of ABRA 10 Investigators to push somebody out of the way 11 upon trying to gain entry when we have a valid 12 reason to be here checking IDs? 13 We need to see your ID before you 14 come in, that applies to every single person 15 without prejudice. He is like well, if she 16 did that, she is in violation. He is like, 17 furthermore, she is on probation and you can 18 file a complaint against her, if you would 19 like. That was Mr. Stewart's words. 20 Mr. Stewart and I entered --21 interaction ended that night in which I 22 assured Mr. Stewart that Monday morning,

Page 93 1 before he got to work, I was going to be here 2 with a formal complaint filed. I filed that 3 complaint two days and have not gotten a 4 single response from ABRA, which to me is 5 outrageous. Because we -- as owners we respect 6 7 this Board. Everything that this Board does, we have to abide by. Dates are critical. 8 9 Everything is critical surrounding it. I have 10 gotten no response. 11 The other thing I would like to 12 point out in closing, Exhibit 4 with these pictures, first of all, Exhibit No. 3, this is 13 14 the Friday night supposedly alleged picture of 15 my DJ operating the equipment. 16 My DJ, his hand is visible. 17 Supposedly he was dancing with a patron. He 18 wasn't operating any equipment. 19 The second one, again, this is 20 2:15, the second night. Okay? Shows the DJ 21 in front of the equipment. Like I said every 22 -- this is the only questionable picture that

Page 94 1 this opposing counsel has against this 2 accusation that I was operating outside of 3 hours. This picture was him standing in 4 5 front of it -- in front of the equipment. This gentleman was instructed to 6 7 not play after 2:00 a.m. Every DJ was. He 8 was packing up or doing whatever he needed to do to close up. And he is willing to testify 9 10 to that. 11 The third picture, again, shows 12 nothing but the DJ actually interacting and standing in front of the music. 13 14 The fourth picture upstairs shows 15 the DJ backing -- packing up his stuff because 16 that's where -- because his stuff is not even 17 there. It's to the front. So he is backing--18 packing up himself his stuff. Again, if this is the best 19 20 evidence that the District has against me, not only I would like to point out that these 21 22 pictures all on the night of the 29th are

Page 95 1 They are pictures handwritten. handwritten. 2 Don't we have digital cameras? They are 3 handwritten. They are -- the time stamp is 4 exactly the same and she is in two different 5 locations. This is on the second floor. This 6 7 is on the third -- first floor. Two different locations of pictures with the exact same time 8 I'm sorry, how is that possible? And 9 stamp. 10 if the whole hinge of your -- the whole basis 11 of your case is that I was not operating 12 within my time, and this is how you are 13 presenting the time for me, and nobody 14 actually witnessed the DJ spinning music, 15 that's -- I'm sorry. 16 I usually -- usually, when I am 17 wrong, I have no problem admitting and trying 18 to reach a mutually suitable agreement with 19 the District, but in this instance, no, I'm 20 not wrong. I'm sorry. I am totally not wrong in this instance. And that's it. I rest my 21 22 case.

Page 96 1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okav. Mr. 2 Rivero, any cross? 3 MR. RIVERO: We have a few 4 questions. 5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right. We? We, the Government? 6 MR. RIVERO: We, the Government. 7 8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 9 MR. RIVERO: It's the royal we in 10 there. 11 **CROSS-EXAMINATION** 12 MR. RIVERO: I would like to turn 13 your attention to your exhibits you just 14 talked about some photographs. And the 15 photograph I would like to turn your attention 16 to is marked -- it's the third one on your 17 packet and on the side of it it says Photo No. 18 2, Exhibit No. 5. 19 Now, you testified that the DJ was 20 packing up, is what you said, from the basis 21 of this photo. This is a record clearly shown 22 on the photograph, isn't it?

Page 97 1 MR. WELLS: Yes. 2 MR. RIVERO: It looks like --3 MR. WELLS: Well, no, no. 4 MR. RIVERO: -- mechanism --5 It's a turntable. MR. WELLS: I'm not admitting to it being a record. It's a 6 7 turntable. MR. RIVERO: Well, there is a 8 9 record on top of the turntable, isn't there? 10 MR. WELLS: No, there is a needle 11 sitting on top of where a record would sit. 12 MR. RIVERO: So needles sit on top 13 of --14 MR. WELLS: The needles --15 MR. RIVERO: -- an empty 16 turntable? 17 MR. WELLS: No, no. It's not 18 actually on top of the turntable. 19 MR. RIVERO: Well, that --20 MR. WELLS: These are vinyl 21 tables. They come with black carbon bases. 22 MR. RIVERO: Yes.

Page 98 1 MR. WELLS: So, yes, there is a 2 needle sitting -- there is -- no, I'm sorry, 3 again, maybe if these were better pictures and digital pictures, it would show a needle 4 5 actually playing on a record, but no. MR. RIVERO: It looks like it's 6 7 over the surface where a record would go, 8 right? 9 MR. WELLS: I don't think that is 10 really what it looks like. 11 MR. RIVERO: Okay. 12 MR. WELLS: I don't think --MR. RIVERO: That's what it looks 13 14 like to you. 15 MR. WELLS: No, no, it's not what 16 it looks like. 17 MR. RIVERO: What does it look 18 like to you? 19 MR. WELLS: It looks like a 20 turntable --MR. RIVERO: With a record on it. 21 22 MR. WELLS: -- without a record on

Page 99 1 it. 2 MR. RIVERO: Right? 3 MR. WELLS: Right. It looks like 4 a turntable. 5 MR. RIVERO: And then what is this shiny thing there doing? 6 7 MR. WELLS: Not shiny. 8 MR. RIVERO: It's going to be 9 there on or off, okay? 10 MR. WELLS: It's going to be 11 exactly there on or off. MR. RIVERO: And what does it look 12 13 like to you? What would you call that? 14 MR. WELLS: I don't know the 15 technical term for it, but I believe it is --16 it would be the needle. 17 MR. RIVERO: It's the needle. 18 Which is what plays records, right? 19 MR. WELLS: Absolutely. 20 MR. RIVERO: Okay. You indicated 21 that he was packing up. 22 MR. WELLS: I indicated that the

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1	Exhibit No. 6 was this DJ packing up.
2	MR. RIVERO: Okay. So then here
3	it looks like there is a DJ playing music,
4	isn't it?
5	MR. WELLS: I would not say that
6	that's definitive enough to say that there is
7	a DJ playing music.
8	MR. RIVERO: Okay.
9	MR. WELLS: Absolutely not.
10	MR. RIVERO: But you weren't
11	there, were you, in this space to see this?
12	You were downstairs.
13	MR. WELLS: I was actually
14	well, no, I was not there in that space.
15	MR. RIVERO: Okay.
16	MR. WELLS: But I know
17	MR. RIVERO: That's it. That was
18	the answer to the question.
19	Where is Investigator Maisel's
20	business card? She gave it to you.
21	MR. WELLS: Where is her business
22	card?

Page 101 1 MR. RIVERO: Yes. She said --2 MR. WELLS: Yes, it's in my 3 possession. 4 MR. RIVERO: Okay. 5 MR. WELLS: Not on me. MR. RIVERO: Not on you? 6 7 MR. WELLS: No. 8 MR. RIVERO: Okay. 9 MR. WELLS: I don't make it a 10 policy to carry a business card. 11 MR. RIVERO: No further questions. 12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Board 13 questions? 14 MEMBER JONES: Yes. 15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. MEMBER JONES: Thank you. So just 16 17 to make sure I'm clear because there was a lot of statements that -- well, you made a very 18 long statement and a lot of it was related to 19 20 your perception of alleged ABRA misconduct. 21 But the case that we are here for, 22 the violation, you are clear on the violation

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1	that you are being charged with, correct?
2	MR. WELLS: Absolutely.
3	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So there was
4	a few things that you made mention of related
5	to that. And I just want to get clarification
6	on my understanding of what you are presenting
7	as your evidence to support your position.
8	So you made reference to a couple
9	of photos provided in your exhibits.
10	MR. WELLS: Yes, that's right.
11	MEMBER JONES: And you indicated
12	that did you make a statement here today
13	that you did not have entertainment on either
14	of the nights in question, the 28th or the
15	29th? Is that a statement that I heard from
16	you?
17	MR. WELLS: Correct.
18	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
19	MR. WELLS: After 2:00 p.m., we
20	did not have entertainment.
21	MEMBER JONES: After 2:00 p.m.?
22	MR. WELLS: An entertainment
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Page 103 1 endorsement. After 2:00 a.m., I'm sorry. 2 MEMBER JONES: After 2:00 a.m? 3 MR. WELLS: Yes, correct. 4 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So on 5 January 28 you had no entertainment after 2:00 a.m.? 6 7 MR. WELLS: Correct. 8 MEMBER JONES: Okay. As you look 9 at it, so January 28th is the Saturday 10 morning. 11 MR. WELLS: Okay. 12 MEMBER JONES: Okav. So on 13 Saturday the 28th, you had entertainment up to 14 and including -- well, up to 2:00 a.m. only? 15 MR. WELLS: Yes, sir. 16 MEMBER JONES: Okay. And as you 17 understand your license, you are allowed to 18 have entertainment up to what time on 19 Saturday? 20 MR. WELLS: 2:00 a.m. 21 MEMBER JONES: 2:00 a.m. Okay. 22 On Sunday the 29th, you are saying that you

Page 104 1 had no entertainment after 2:00 a.m. on 2 Sunday, the 29th? 3 MR. WELLS: Correct. 4 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So you had 5 entertainment up to 2:00 a.m. on Sunday the 6 29th? 7 MR. WELLS: Yes. 8 MEMBER JONES: You did. Okay. On 9 either of the nights -- so on your exhibit --10 you have Exhibit 3. 11 MR. WELLS: Yes. 12 MEMBER JONES: Do you have that in 13 front of you? 14 MR. WELLS: Yes, sir. 15 MEMBER JONES: All right. Exhibit 16 3, can you describe to me what your intent was 17 in providing this exhibit as evidence for your 18 case? 19 MR. WELLS: This was basically a 20 letter at the suggestion of Mr. --21 MEMBER JONES: I'm sorry, I'm 22 looking at the photos.

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1	MR. WELLS: I'm sorry.
2	MEMBER JONES: So you there is
3	a photo that is labeled Exhibit 3. I don't
4	know if you labeled these this way.
5	MR. WELLS: Oh, the photo. I'm
6	sorry. I thought sorry, I thought you were
7	referring to my package.
8	MEMBER JONES: I am referring to
9	your package. I'm referring to Exhibit 4.
10	Exhibit 3 or Exhibit 4, I guess, which are the
11	photos.
12	MR. WELLS: So we want to go to
13	Photo No. 3?
14	MEMBER JONES: Exhibit 3.
15	MR. WELLS: Yes, yes.
16	MEMBER JONES: Photo Exhibit No.
17	3.
18	MR. WELLS: Yes.
19	MEMBER JONES: All right. Now,
20	what was your intent?
21	MR. WELLS: Okay. My if you
22	come to my establishment any of the seven days
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Page 106 1 a week, you will see this identical setup 2 here. You will see the two CDJs and the 3 mixer. I don't have a separate house system. 4 This is when -- lunchtime, afternoon time, 5 evening time, this is how I play music. Whatever vocal level, whatever tone level I 6 7 play it at, this is my house system. 8 I don't have a separate system for 9 music. 10 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So --11 MR. WELLS: So I'm saying this is 12 not proof that I had a DJ on that night. I'm 13 sorry and I'm admitting to having a DJ on that 14 night. I'm not even disputing having a DJ on 15 that night. My contention is that this is 16 visible every day of the week in my 17 establishment. 18 MEMBER JONES: It's visible every 19 day of the week? 20 Absolutely. MR. WELLS: 21 MEMBER JONES: Okay. Understood. 22 So you are saying that this setup never comes

Page 107 1 down? 2 MR. WELLS: No, never comes down, 3 correct. 4 MEMBER JONES: How many DJ areas 5 do you have? 6 MR. WELLS: Two. 7 MEMBER JONES: Two. So this DJ area is setup this way all the time? 8 9 MR. WELLS: All the time. 10 MEMBER JONES: Okay. This photo 11 is at 2:50 a.m. on the 28th? 12 MR. WELLS: Yes. 13 MEMBER JONES: According to their 14 handwritten notes. 15 MR. WELLS: Yes. 16 MEMBER JONES: Do you dispute --17 are you disputing that this is representative 18 of your setup on January 28th at 2:50 a.m. at 19 your establishment? 20 MR. WELLS: Yes. 21 MEMBER JONES: You are? 22 MR. WELLS: Yes.

Page 108 1 MEMBER JONES: Okay. What are you 2 disputing about this setup being at your 3 establishment? Now, keep in mind you just stated that I will see this every day of every 4 5 week --6 MR. WELLS: Okay. What I am 7 saying is --8 MEMBER JONES: -- at your 9 establishment. 10 MR. WELLS: -- no DJ was actually 11 manipulating the sound. 12 MEMBER JONES: That's not what I 13 asked you. 14 MR. WELLS: Oh, I'm sorry. I 15 misunderstood. MEMBER JONES: So I'm asking you 16 17 are you disputing that this picture, this 18 picture in and of itself, is representative of 19 what is -- what was there on January 28, 2012 at 2:50 a.m.? 20 21 MR. WELLS: Well, yes. 22 MEMBER JONES: You are disputing

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1	that this
2	MR. WELLS: Yes.
3	MEMBER JONES: picture okay.
4	So what is wrong with this picture?
5	MR. WELLS: I am my only
6	dispute would be the time stamp that is
7	written in pen. I am not disputing what is
8	actually appeared what the picture is
9	detailing. What I'm questioning is, first of
10	all, the time 2:50 in two different areas of
11	my establishment on the same night.
12	MEMBER JONES: No. I'm not you
13	are going beyond what I'm asking. This is one
14	picture. I'm looking at this picture in
15	isolation.
16	MR. WELLS: Yes.
17	MEMBER JONES: Is this picture
18	representative of what was at your
19	establishment at 2:50 a.m. on January 28,
20	2012? Period. That's the end of the
21	question. Is this picture representative of
22	what was at your

Page 110 1 MR. WELLS: Yes, I just can't be 2 accurate about that time, because it is 3 written in pencil. 4 MEMBER JONES: Okay. Were you at 5 your establishment at 2:50 a.m. on --6 MR. WELLS: Yes, I was. 7 MEMBER JONES: -- 1/28? 8 MR. WELLS: Yes. 9 MEMBER JONES: Was this setup 10 there? 11 MR. WELLS: Yes. 12 MEMBER JONES: So why would you 13 have a reason to dispute the fact that this 14 picture is representative of what was at your 15 establishment on that date? 16 MR. WELLS: I'm not disputing the 17 picture was not -- is not representative. I'm 18 disputing the --19 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 20 MR. WELLS: -- handwritten time, 21 not disputing the picture. Sorry. 22 MEMBER JONES: So forget the

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1	handwritten time. Forget that it's even
2	there.
3	MR. WELLS: Yes.
4	MEMBER JONES: Do you agree that
5	this is reflective of what was at your
6	establishment, based on your own vision, based
7	on your own knowledge?
8	MR. WELLS: Absolutely.
9	MEMBER JONES: Okay. Help me
10	understand then what I'm looking at here.
11	What I'm looking at are two DJ turntables for
12	CDs.
13	MR. WELLS: Yes.
14	MEMBER JONES: A mixer.
15	MR. WELLS: Yes.
16	MEMBER JONES: As well as a
17	laptop.
18	MR. WELLS: Yes.
19	MEMBER JONES: At 2:50 a.m. on
20	1/28/2012
21	MR. WELLS: Um-hum, yes.
22	MEMBER JONES: tell me what
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Page 112 1 your operations consisted of as far as your 2 entertainment. 3 MR. WELLS: Okay. As I stated, my DJ was playing until 2:00 a.m. that morning. 4 5 I never disputed that. My Dj has to wait to be paid for the night's activities, that is 6 7 after we close. Nobody gets paid before I 8 close. There is no law that says I need to 9 kick my DJ out of the establishment and for 10 him to pack up, which in this case would be 11 nothing but his headphones and the laptop 12 would be -- so yes, he was waiting around to 13 get paid. 14 I never disputed the fact that he 15 was there earlier in the evening. He was 16 playing until 2:00 p.m. -- 2:00 a.m. as he was 17 contracted to do. 18 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So at this 19 point, at 2:50 a.m., where is the music 20 source? 21 MR. WELLS: This is the music 22 source.

Page 113 1 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 2 MR. WELLS: Every day of the week 3 this is the music source. 4 MEMBER JONES: So there are three 5 possible things here that could generate 6 music? There is one CD player, the other CD 7 player and the laptop that I can see in the 8 picture. 9 MR. WELLS: Um-hum. 10 MEMBER JONES: I'm asking you to 11 testify to what item here was playing music at 12 that time. MR. WELLS: I know a little more 13 14 about DJing than I thought I need to trick 15 down to. 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: If you know. 17 MR. WELLS: But, yes, this -- no, 18 absolutely you are right. This -- I was 19 actually -- the CDs. He was actually 20 operating a manual CD in the CD player. 21 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So you are 22 saying he was actually operating a --

Page 114 1 MR. WELLS: Yes, he could have --2 MEMBER JONES: -- CD in the CD 3 player? 4 MR. WELLS: Yes. 5 MEMBER JONES: The CD player to the right, left or was it a CD player in --6 7 MR. WELLS: The one to the right, I would think. 8 9 MEMBER JONES: The one to the 10 right? 11 MR. WELLS: Yes, since the 12 turntable is sitting -- since the headphones 13 are sitting on top of the thing. 14 MEMBER JONES: They are sitting on 15 top of the --16 MR. WELLS: I mean --17 MEMBER JONES: -- left unit? 18 MR. WELLS: Yes, yes. 19 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So the one 20 to the right, you are saying that that was the item that was providing music source for the 21 22 entertainment at your establishment on the

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1	night in question, at this time?
2	MR. WELLS: That was, yes.
3	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
4	MR. WELLS: I was basically
5	basically, I instructed my DJs that they could
6	not interact with the system. They could not
7	actively DJ after 2:00 a.m. Get a CD for me.
8	Get a CD that we can play. Just get a CD that
9	I can plug in and play from 2:00 to 2:45. And
10	that's what they did.
11	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So this DJ
12	on the night in question, he got a CD that
13	of any type of did you
14	MR. WELLS: I didn't. I don't
15	know.
16	MEMBER JONES: You don't know?
17	MR. WELLS: No.
18	MEMBER JONES: Because I'm
19	assuming, I mean, at a club you are not going
20	to have a single CD by a single artist that is
21	going to play track 1, track 2, track 3 and
22	track 4.

Page 116 1 MR. WELLS: I told him put --2 MEMBER JONES: All right. 3 MR. WELLS: -- together a 4 compilation. 5 MEMBER JONES: So was it a compilation? 6 7 MR. WELLS: Yes, a compilation. 8 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So that CD 9 was playing out of this CD player to the 10 right? 11 MR. WELLS: Yes, sir. 12 MEMBER JONES: Okay. And that 13 started at 2:00 a.m., you are saying? And it 14 was just playing through? 15 MR. WELLS: Um-hum. 16 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So there was 17 no music coming out of the laptop? No source from the laptop? No MP3s, no anything from 18 19 the laptop, to your knowledge? 20 MR. WELLS: Not to my knowledge. MEMBER JONES: Okay. And you are 21 22 also testifying that you can speak

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1	definitively to the fact that the DJ didn't
2	touch this unit after 2:00 a.m.?
3	MR. WELLS: Yes.
4	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
5	MR. WELLS: I mean from I mean,
6	he like I said, I he was instructed to
7	make sure that to not play. He was told to
8	not play from 2:00 a.m. in the morning. I
9	will be honest. I didn't not stand over them
10	and watch them for that entire 45 minutes, but
11	yes, that was my instructions.
12	MEMBER JONES: Those were your
13	instructions, but you can't say that they
14	followed your instructions?
15	MR. WELLS: Let me just say that
16	every time I did look up there, there was
17	nobody actively playing. And no, I did not
18	look there for every second of that 45
19	minutes.
20	MEMBER JONES: Okay. Also, do you
21	have a clear picture of Exhibit 3?
22	MR. WELLS: Actually, these are
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Page 118 1 pictures I received from your Investigator. 2 MEMBER JONES: Do you have a color 3 picture that you can see clearly? 4 MR. WELLS: No, I have --5 MEMBER JONES: No. MR. WELLS: -- a black and white 6 7 picture. 8 MEMBER JONES: You don't. Okay. 9 The picture I'm looking at, Exhibit 3, also on 10 that laptop -- well, one, do you agree that 11 that's a laptop? 12 MR. WELLS: Yes. 13 MEMBER JONES: Is that on a laptop 14 that was provided by the DJ? 15 MR. WELLS: Yes. 16 The MEMBER JONES: It was. Okay. 17 -- you are saying that you believe on the 18 night in question that the music source was 19 the CD player to the right? That's what your 20 test --21 MR. WELLS: Yes. 22 MEMBER JONES: That's what you

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1	testified to.
2	MR. WELLS: I, basically, said to
3	him, make a compilation CD between
4	MEMBER JONES: I understand.
5	MR. WELLS: to play for the 45
6	minutes.
7	MEMBER JONES: Sir, sir, I respect
8	that answer. I just want to make sure. What
9	you said earlier was that you believe that the
10	source of the music on that night in question,
11	the 28th, at 2:50 a.m. that you believe that
12	the music was coming out of the CD player to
13	the right? Is that still your belief? Is
14	that still what you are testifying to?
15	MR. WELLS: I believe that it was
16	coming out, but I'm not going to say that it
17	is impossible that it was a compilation
18	playing off of a digital media. It doesn't
19	matter what media it comes from.
20	MEMBER JONES: Yes, it does to me.
21	MR. WELLS: Okay.
22	MEMBER JONES: So that's why I'm
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1	asking these questions. So are you now saying
2	that you are not sure?
3	MR. WELLS: I'm saying it could
4	have been either the laptop or the CDJ.
5	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So you are
6	not sure what the DJ did after 2:00 a.m.,
7	because you don't know what the source of the
8	music was after 2:00 a.m.?
9	MR. WELLS: I'm saying that I
10	don't know what the source was. I know he was
11	instructed not to play and to the best of my
12	knowledge, he did not actually interact or
13	play the music. Do I know the source was the
14	laptop or the CDJ, no, I am not 100 percent
15	sure.
16	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So now you
17	are not sure.
18	MR. WELLS: No, I'm not sure about
19	the
20	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
21	MR. WELLS: source of the
22	music. I'm very sure if he was playing or
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Page 121 1 interacting with the sound system. He was not. He was playing off of either the CD 2 3 player or a digital format. 4 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 5 MR. WELLS: The music was coming-emanating from one of those two devices. 6 Yes, 7 absolutely. MEMBER JONES: 8 It was coming from 9 one of those two devices? 10 MR. WELLS: Yes, absolutely. 11 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So you don't know which one? 12 13 No. MR. WELLS: I mean, I --14 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 15 MR. WELLS: -- have a business to 16 I can't stand up and -- once my run. 17 instructions are do not play music, do not 18 interact with the sound system, make sure that 19 you have a CD, whatever else to play for that 20 45 minutes, I don't care where they put it on I don't care whether the source is 21 from. 22 digital or the source is a CD.

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1	MEMBER JONES: But you is it
2	safe to say that you do care that they
3	MR. WELLS: They are not in
4	violation.
5	MEMBER JONES: weren't playing
6	after 2:00 a.m.?
7	MR. WELLS: Yes, sir.
8	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So the
9	challenge that I'm having well, I'll get
10	back to that. So on the 28th, was this the
11	only DJ booth setup that you had?
12	MR. WELLS: No, two. Two.
13	MEMBER JONES: You had two?
14	MR. WELLS: Yes.
15	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So how do
16	you balance one versus the other? So this guy
17	you are saying this gentleman at this DJ
18	booth was playing up until 2:00 a.m., correct?
19	That's what you testified to.
20	MR. WELLS: Um-hum.
21	MEMBER JONES: What was the point
22	of the other DJ booth area?
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Page 123 1 MR. WELLS: They are two separate 2 spaces, two distinct spaces, which I can 3 regulate. I can either play from the first 4 floor throughout the building or I can have a 5 separate DJ on the second floor. MEMBER JONES: Okay. So I guess I 6 7 misunderstood. 8 MR. WELLS: The venue -- I'm 9 sorry. 10 MEMBER JONES: I misunderstood 11 some of your testimony earlier, because you 12 said there was one source that you had with 13 these two inputs or the two CDs and that's the 14 one input that you have for your whole 15 building. 16 So you are always going to hear 17 music coming out of your establishment because 18 you are always going to have CDs playing 19 through that one source. 20 So now, you are saying that you 21 have two inputs. And maybe I misheard you 22 before, so I would like to give you an

Page 124 1 opportunity to clarify. 2 MR. WELLS: Let me clarify. Let 3 me clarify. Seven days a week, this sits in 4 my mezzanine area. 5 MEMBER JONES: So where is your mezzanine area? 6 7 MR. WELLS: My second floor --8 it's --9 MEMBER JONES: I'm not familiar 10 with your establishment. 11 MR. WELLS: If you -- yes. If you 12 walk into the establishment, it's kind of overlooks the area. 13 14 MEMBER JONES: So it's upstairs? 15 MR. WELLS: It's stairs that go up 16 the side, yes, but it's not a second floor, because it's wide open. It's like a balcony, 17 18 so to speak on the first floor that you -- you come in one the first floor and you can walk 19 20 up side stairs to what, in essence, is a 21 balcony that overlooks. 22 MEMBER JONES: That overlooks the

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1	first floor?
2	MR. WELLS: Yes, overlooks the
3	first floor.
4	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
5	MR. WELLS: So this now, for
6	this, these are my inputs. These are my CDJs.
7	These are my inputs. Behind the bar I have
8	one controller that can regulate, play first
9	floor volume up, second floor volume up,
10	second floor volume down, second floor I
11	can manipulate anywhere spaces that I want to
12	play.
13	The source is up here, but I can
14	literally turn off or on locations as I see
15	fit.
16	Now, on the night in question, and
17	this is most Friday and Saturday nights, we
18	have a separate place upstairs where we have
19	a different kind of entertainment on the
20	second floor. So that's how, in this
21	instance, there were two different DJ areas.
22	Does that help?

Page 126 1 MEMBER JONES: To some degree. So 2 at the -- let's call it the second level and your mezzanine level. So at the second level, 3 4 you had a separate DJ with a separate DJ booth 5 playing music that was localized to the second 6 floor area only? 7 MR. WELLS: Correct. 8 MEMBER JONES: And then you also 9 had, in parallel, a second DJ operating at the 10 mezzanine --11 MR. WELLS: Yes. 12 MEMBER JONES: -- area and that 13 music was playing the mezzanine down --14 MR. WELLS: Yes. 15 MEMBER JONES: -- and including 16 the first floor? 17 MR. WELLS: Correct. Until 2:00 18 a.m. 19 MEMBER JONES: Until 2:00 a.m. 20 Now --21 MR. WELLS: Until 2:00 a.m., they 22 were both, yes.

Page 127 1 MEMBER JONES: So they were both instructed to operate until 2:00 a.m.? 2 3 MR. WELLS: Correct. 4 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So the 5 mezzanine DJ was given an instruction to play a CD or some compilation from some source that 6 7 was to be pumped through the entire house, i.e., second floor and first floor? 8 9 MR. WELLS: Yes, sir, um-hum. 10 MEMBER JONES: Okay. And then the 11 DJ on the second floor, he was given 12 instructions to do what? 13 MR. WELLS: Stop playing. 14 MEMBER JONES: Stop playing and 15 pack up and leave? 16 MR. WELLS: Um-hum. 17 MEMBER JONES: And pack up and 18 leave? 19 MR. WELLS: Well, they are not 20 going to leave, because nobody is getting paid until after the night is done. So they are 21 22 not going -- they are going to stop playing,

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1	but I don't I'm too busy with the night's
2	activities to go and start dispensing payroll
3	to individual staff members prior to closing.
4	MEMBER JONES: Understood. So
5	there was a DJ booth set up on the second
6	floor that was separate and distinct from this
7	mezzanine DJ booth on the night of the 28th?
8	MR. WELLS: Yes.
9	MEMBER JONES: Okay. And they
10	both stopped at 2:00 according to you?
11	MR. WELLS: Yes, sir.
12	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So on your
13	second there is another exhibit, I believe,
14	this is exhibit the next exhibit which has
15	a gentleman in a gray shirt with headphones on
16	with the Kangol, he is standing in front of a
17	fan or a fan is blowing on him. I can't
18	really see what exhibit. It looks like
19	Exhibit 4.
20	MR. WELLS: Um-hum.
21	MEMBER JONES: It looks like it
22	got cut off a little bit. Can you see that?
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Page 129 1 MR. WELLS: Absolutely. 2 MEMBER JONES: All right. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Whose Exhibit 3 4 4 are you referring to? I mean, are you in 5 Government' exhibits or are you in the licensee's exhibits? 6 7 MEMBER JONES: The licensee's 8 exhibits. 9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okav. 10 MEMBER JONES: Is Photo No. 1, 11 Exhibit No. 4. 12 MR. WELLS: Yes. 13 MEMBER ALBERTI: They are numbered 14 the same. 15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 16 MEMBER JONES: All right. So in this exhibit, what area am I looking at here? 17 18 Is this the second floor --19 MR. WELLS: The DJ area. 20 MEMBER JONES: -- or the 21 mezzanine? 22 MR. WELLS: The mezzanine.

Page 130 1 MEMBER JONES: This is the 2 mezzanine yet again? 3 MR. WELLS: Yes. 4 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So in that 5 mezzanine area --MR. WELLS: Yes. 6 7 MEMBER JONES: -- where are the CD 8 players, CD decks? 9 MR. WELLS: Okay. Again, let me 10 explain. Let me give you a little insight 11 into Serato DJ equipment and laptop computers. 12 Whatever medium your source file is, be it on 13 the laptop, be it on a CD player, you have a 14 Serato. 15 The laptop uses a software tool 16 called Serato. It's actually a piece of 17 software that interfaces with CDJs or vinyl 18 CDJs. What -- basically, what you are looking 19 at, I know you might think that this is a 20 record playing here, but this is not a record. 21 This is not a record playing here. This is 22 not an LP, long play record, as the olden days

Page 131 1 as we understand. 2 MR. RIVERO: Can I --3 MR. WELLS: What this is --4 MR. RIVERO: I'm sorry, I need to 5 object, if I may, unfortunately. If there are full color photographs being help up for 6 7 purposes of illustrating and only black and white copies are in front of the Board 8 9 Members, it might be helpful to have the actual 10 originals. 11 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: We have some. 12 We have them. 13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I don't have 14 them. 15 MEMBER ALBERTI: We are working 16 from them. 17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Well --18 MEMBER ALBERTI: The questions 19 would be from them. MR. RIVERO: The exhibits that 20 were admitted into evidence were not color 21 22 photographs from the respondent, based on what

Page 132 1 I received. 2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I don't have 3 that either. I don't have it. 4 MR. WELLS: I was just exhibiting 5 what the Government gave to me. They never 6 gave me --7 MR. RIVERO: I received --MR. WELLS: -- produced color 8 9 copies. 10 MR. RIVERO: -- this in evidence. 11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I have 12 black and white myself, so I'm not sure where 13 the color came from. Okay. 14 MR. WELLS: It's your source. 15 MR. RIVERO: Correct. 16 MR. WELLS: It's not mine. 17 MR. RIVERO: So I would like -- I 18 don't have a problem indicating -- if the 19 color photographs are in evidence, I don't 20 have a problem at all. But the Government 21 introduced black and white and the respondent 22 introduced black and white. The respondent --

Page 133 1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Wait. She just wants to make sure we are using one or 2 3 the other, right, and not mixing them up? MR. RIVERO: I don't mind. We can 4 5 say let's talk about the color photographs. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But you put 6 7 in -- no, you put in black and white? 8 MR. RIVERO: I --9 MR. WELLS: I object to using the 10 color, too. 11 MR. RIVERO: We can use the black 12 and white. 13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Fine. 14 MR. WELLS: If this is a source of 15 issue --16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So he is back to the black and white. Okay. 17 18 MR. WELLS: -- let's use the black 19 and white. 20 MR. RIVERO: No objection if they 21 are in evidence. 22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: They are not

Page 134 1 in evidence, as far as I know. MEMBER JONES: Understood. 2 3 MEMBER ALBERTI: Ms. Miller, the 4 Board has in its files color photographs. 5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But we don't have in evidence color photographs. 6 7 MEMBER ALBERTI: And they were 8 part of the report. Maybe not the report that 9 was given to the attorney, Mr. Rivero. 10 MR. RIVERO: Again, if the Board 11 wants to admit color photos, as --MEMBER ALBERTI: Otherwise it --12 13 MR. RIVERO: -- evidence and 14 discuss them, no problem. 15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Can we take 16 administrative notice --17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No. 18 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- of the color 19 photos? And if Mr. --20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No. No. And we have -- what was put into evidence was 21 22 these black and whites.

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1	MR. WELLS: Right.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The pictures
3	are somewhat unreliable to begin with for
4	evidentiary reasons, as we don't have the
5	person here who took the picture to testify to
6	them. So if somebody is going to make a
7	motion to put in evidence now the colored
8	ones, I don't hear that coming from the
9	parties.
10	I think they just want to make
11	sure that we are talking about the photos that
12	the Board has that is in evidence that the
13	Board is going to be looking at, so everybody
14	is on the same page. Is that right?
15	MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes.
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is that all
17	right with everyone?
18	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So we
20	are looking at the black and white photo?
21	MEMBER JONES: In front of me.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Photo 1.

Page 136 1 MEMBER JONES: I'm not sure I 2 think the procedure is correct though. 3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Would you like to raise an objection and argue it? You 4 5 were making an interesting point and I hope that you haven't lost that. 6 7 MEMBER JONES: So --8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: He was 9 answering. Oh. 10 MEMBER JONES: Can I proceed with 11 this? 12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, it's in 13 evidence. 14 MEMBER JONES: And I can do an 15 introduction? 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's in 17 evidence, the black and white. The question 18 was about the --19 MEMBER JONES: So I can proceed 20 with this? MEMBER ALBERTI: With the black 21 22 and white.

Page 137 1 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: There is the 2 middle question. 3 MEMBER ALBERTI: I think the 4 question is --5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I think Mr. Wells was in the middle of answering a 6 7 question when he was interrupted. 8 MEMBER JONES: There was an 9 objection. 10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It was an 11 objection. 12 MR. RIVERO: It was an objection. 13 MEMBER JONES: I'm asking can I 14 approach? There was an objection. 15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. 16 MEMBER JONES: There was no --17 MR. RIVERO: The response was I'll 18 call you back. 19 MEMBER JONES: Right. 20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That's right. 21 Yes, you are proceeding with the question 22 based on the black and white photo.

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1	MR. RIVERO: Yes, fine.
2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You don't
3	remember the question now or what you were
4	answering?
5	MEMBER JONES: I guess I can
6	proceed with these. Yes?
7	MR. WELLS: Would you like me to
8	finish answering the question?
9	MEMBER JONES: Thank you.
10	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But he was in
11	the middle of a question.
12	MEMBER JONES: So
13	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So he was in
14	the middle of proceeding, that's what I'm
15	saying. Unless you forget the question.
16	MR. WELLS: No, I remember. I was
17	literally explaining I was just explaining.
18	MEMBER JONES: He was giving me DJ
19	booths
20	MR. WELLS: Technical insight.
21	MEMBER JONES: in the
22	establishment.
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MR. WELLS: And so they use
because I think
CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No. Now, we
are listening to the question and answer. And
you were explaining something that I was
finding useful and I don't know now where
if you remember.
MR. WELLS: I know what it is.
CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Could
you pick up where you were at then?
MR. WELLS: So we were making some
distinction between the use of a CD, what a
CDJ or LP style long-play record-style player,
Serato, the software that it runs, Serato, the
actual source file of the music is either on
the laptop or if it's a CDJ, on the CD.
In this case, it's what is
actually this is just an interface that
allows you to manipulate the music. There is
no song playing here on this needle. This is
not an LP that plays music. This is an actual
just as the CD the digital CJs are, it

Page 140 1 allows you to manipulate, to scratch or 2 whatever. But you have to have that interface 3 to play with your laptop. So I would just like to clarify, 4 5 don't think that you are looking at an oldstyle LP player here and this is what you are 6 7 seeing playing. Understand? 8 MEMBER JONES: Completely. 9 MR. WELLS: Okay. Sorry. I was 10 just kind of valuing your question. 11 MEMBER JONES: My question was --12 MR. WELLS: I mean --13 MEMBER JONES: My question was is 14 this the same DJ booth that we were talking 15 about in Exhibit 3? 16 MR. WELLS: Um-hum. 17 MEMBER JONES: Where is the CDJ? 18 MR. WELLS: Okay. So one picture 19 is from Friday night and one is from Saturday 20 night. 21 MEMBER JONES: Correct. 22 MR. WELLS: So on this Saturday Neal R. Gross & Co., Inc.

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Page 141 1 night, clearly he brought his -- because he 2 brought his own player and stuck it in. He 3 brought his own interface. 4 MEMBER JONES: So where is the CDJ 5 setup? MR. WELLS: 99.999 percent it's 6 7 under the table right here. 8 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So the CDJ 9 setup that you said is there all the time --10 MR. WELLS: Seven days a week. MEMBER JONES: -- is not there all 11 12 the time? 13 MR. WELLS: No, no. It's there seven days a week. That is my source for 14 15 playing music. If this gentleman --16 MEMBER JONES: So it's there 17 unless the DJ brings his own equipment? 18 MR. WELLS: Unless the DJ brings 19 his own equipment, that is my source. 20 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 21 MR. WELLS: Of music right here. 22 And it always has to be something set up here.

Page 142 1 MEMBER JONES: Is that your laptop 2 or is that the DJ's laptop? 3 MR. WELLS: That's the DJ's 4 laptop. 5 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So the laptop was also underneath the table? 6 7 MR. WELLS: I'm sorry? Let me find the other picture. 8 9 MEMBER JONES: So that's exhibit --10 MR. WELLS: Which exhibit is it? 11 MEMBER JONES: 3. 12 MR. WELLS: Yes, sorry. Which exhibit? Exhibit No. 3, let me find that, 13 14 please. Sorry. My papers are a little mixed 15 up. Okay. Exhibit No. 3. 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 17 MEMBER JONES: So you made a 18 statement that the CDJs are --19 MR. WELLS: That's Friday night. 20 MEMBER JONES: You made the 21 statement that the CDJs are yours. Is that 22 correct?

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1	MR. WELLS: Absolutely.
2	MEMBER JONES: The mixer, is that
3	yours?
4	MR. WELLS: Yes.
5	MEMBER JONES: And the laptop in
6	the Exhibit 3, that photo, whose is that?
7	MR. WELLS: That is the
8	MEMBER JONES: Who does that
9	belong to?
10	MR. WELLS: That' the same DJ that
11	was playing the next night. He actually was
12	playing both the Friday and the Saturday
13	night. But clearly, the Saturday night, he
14	closed chose to bring his own CDJs as
15	opposed to using mine. You see? These do
16	exactly the same thing. These CDJs and these
17	LP-style players do exactly the same thing.
18	MEMBER JONES: Well, are you sure
19	about that, sir? You are sure that the CDJs
20	do the exact same thing as this technique
21	turntable that I'm looking at?
22	MR. WELLS: The

Page 144 1 MEMBER JONES: They both play CDs? 2 MR. WELLS: Yes. And the 3 interface -- the objective is really to obtain 4 an interface within which to manipulate. If 5 you can picture turning the -- speeding it up, slowing it down, it's an interface with which 6 7 to scratch on. 8 MEMBER JONES: So, sir, I am just 9 going to caution you. I just want to make 10 sure you are answering this. Are you 11 answering this from a standpoint of knowledge? 12 MR. WELLS: Yes. 13 MEMBER JONES: So you know this 14 for sure? 15 MR. WELLS: (No audible answer.) 16 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So --17 MR. WELLS: I mean, yes. 18 MEMBER JONES: -- these CDJs that 19 are located on Exhibit 3, you are saying 20 perform the exact same function as the input devices that are located on Exhibit 4? 21 22 MR. WELLS: When interfaced with a

Page 145 1 laptop, 100 percent. 2 MEMBER JONES: Okay. Okay. 3 What's the purpose of the needle? MR. WELLS: That's the connection 4 5 between -- okay. If you have got the CDJs, you have got a digital needle that is built 6 7 That's an older style analog vinyl in. 8 scratcher. 9 MEMBER JONES: That's a digital 10 needle? 11 MR. WELLS: So your interface is 12 that needle. 13 MEMBER JONES: So you are saying 14 if I have a CDJ, right, I have a digital 15 needle? 16 MR. WELLS: Yes. 17 MEMBER JONES: Would that --18 MR. WELLS: You will have a 19 digital needle. MEMBER JONES: Would another name 20 for that be a laser? 21 22 MR. WELLS: Sorry, yes. A laser,

Page 146 1 exactly. 2 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So the 3 needle on the turntables on Exhibit 4 and 5, 4 is that -- what type of -- was that a stylus 5 or is that a laser? MR. WELLS: That's probably a 6 7 stylus. 8 MEMBER JONES: Probably a stylus? 9 MR. WELLS: Yes. 10 MEMBER JONES: Do you understand 11 how a stylus works? 12 MR. WELLS: Absolutely. 13 MEMBER JONES: You do? Explain to 14 me how a stylus receives input from a CD. 15 MR. WELLS: I can't without going 16 into a whole lot of technical. 17 MEMBER JONES: No, please. Go 18 into the --19 MR. WELLS: No, because --20 MEMBER JONES: Do you understand 21 the --MR. WELLS: What the stylus does? 22

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1	Yes. The stylus sits on top of an LP. The LP
2	the stylus relays the information. The LP
3	is a standard LP. It's not a music LP. That
4	stylus is what is the connection between the
5	LP and the laptop player.
6	So that reads that, okay, you have
7	a disc spinning, be it on a digital format, be
8	it on an analog format.
9	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So is this
10	an analog format?
11	MR. WELLS: With the stylus, yes.
12	MEMBER JONES: It is. Oh, okay,
13	excellent. So we are on the same page then.
14	So we have an analog format LP that's
15	receiving input through a stylus and it's
16	pumping that information through the laptop
17	and then projecting that through your system?
18	MR. WELLS: Yes, sir.
19	MEMBER JONES: Only on the first
20	floor, mezzanine down?
21	MR. WELLS: After 2:00 a.m.
22	throughout the entire building.

Page 148 1 MEMBER JONES: Throughout the 2 entire building. Okay. So this picture on 3 Exhibit 5, 4 and 5, what is this DJ doing? 4 What is your testimony that this DJ is doing 5 on either Exhibit 4 or 5? MR. WELLS: Exhibit 5 or Exhibit 6 7 4. MEMBER JONES: 4, let's do Exhibit 8 9 4. 10 MR. WELLS: The problem is he is standing in front of his equipment. What is 11 12 he doing? It's totally, totally inconclusive 13 as to what he is doing. He is standing in 14 front of his equipment. That's all he is 15 doing. And it's his CD player, so he has --16 it's his laptop. He has a right to stand in 17 front there until we close or be around. But 18 manipulating the music? No. 19 MEMBER JONES: So you are saying 20 you can testify to the fact that you know that 21 this individual was not manipulating the music 22 from this position and from this posture?

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1	MR. WELLS: Absolutely.
2	Absolutely. And I have already spoke to this
3	individual who has no problem providing an
4	affidavit saying that at 2:00 p.m 2:00
5	a.m. he stopped playing music.
6	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
7	MR. WELLS: Interactively playing
8	music with anything.
9	MEMBER JONES: So you mentioned
10	you had witnesses that would testify to that
11	fact. You just now relayed that this DJ would
12	testify to that fact. Is there a reason why
13	you don't have him here today?
14	MR. WELLS: Yes. My lack of
15	understanding of the proceedings, I thought
16	with a Show Cause, I needed to present my
17	arguments and at a later date we would
18	determine if we go forward to bring in
19	additional witnesses, etcetera.
20	I didn't want to waste somebody's
21	time twice, if possible.
22	MEMBER JONES: Okay.

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1	MR. WELLS: Sorry.
2	MEMBER JONES: And on January 29th,
3	at 2:15 a.m., does this picture appropriately
4	reflect your recollection of what was
5	occurring at your establishment in this area
6	on that night?
7	MR. WELLS: No.
8	MEMBER JONES: No. So
9	MR. WELLS: Because
10	MEMBER JONES: at 2:15 a.m., in
11	your recollection, how would this picture be
12	different?
13	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What exhibit?
14	MR. WELLS: The time.
15	MEMBER JONES: Exhibit 4.
16	MR. WELLS: My objection is to the
17	equipment? No. So the individual identified
18	is the person who was working that evening?
19	No problem. My problem is 2:15 a.m., I
20	this 2:15 a.m. was at two places completely
21	different locations with the same handwritten
22	time stamp.

Page 151 1 MEMBER JONES: So all --2 MR. WELLS: At 2:15 a.m. she is on 3 first floor Sultra 1. At 2:15 a.m. she is on second floor Sultra 2. How is that possible? 4 5 MEMBER JONES: So on Exhibit 4 --MR. WELLS: How are you in two 6 7 places at the same time? 8 MEMBER JONES: So on Exhibit 4 --9 MR. WELLS: I can't put my hand on 10 the block for this. 11 MEMBER JONES: I ask you to try 12 and focus on the question. In Exhibit 4, based on your recollection, your understanding 13 14 of your setup that night --15 MR. WELLS: Yes. 16 MEMBER JONES: -- at 2:15 a.m., 17 would this picture appropriately reflect what 18 you believe to be going on at your 19 establishment with the DJ at 2:15 a.m.? MR. WELLS: 20 No. 21 MEMBER JONES: No. Okay. And 22 what would be the difference at 2:15 a.m.?

Page 152 1 MR. WELLS: The time stamp says 2:15 a.m. and the next time stamp for Exhibit 2 5 --3 4 MEMBER JONES: I'm not --5 MR. WELLS: Sorry. 6 MEMBER JONES: -- talking --7 MR. WELLS: Exhibit 6. 8 MEMBER JONES: Sir? 9 MR. WELLS: On a separate floor --10 MEMBER JONES: Sir? 11 MR. WELLS: -- it says 2:15 a.m. 12 MEMBER JONES: Sir? Sir, you are 13 not -- I ask you to focus on -- I'm on Exhibit 14 4. I'm only on Exhibit 4. 15 MR. WELLS: Okay. MEMBER JONES: I'm only on Exhibit 16 17 4. 18 MR. WELLS: Okay. 19 MEMBER JONES: What would be different --20 21 MR. WELLS: I question the 22 validity of the time.

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1	MEMBER JONES: Would there I
2	mean, let me help you. If your
3	understanding, would there be a DJ there at
4	2:15 a.m.?
5	MR. WELLS: Would there be a DJ
6	there? Yes, there would still be a DJ on the
7	premises, because they are not getting paid
8	until 3:00 a.m.
9	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So
10	MR. WELLS: But they are not
11	operating after 2:00 a.m.
12	MEMBER JONES: would it be
13	possible that the DJ would be positioned in
14	this way at 2:15?
15	MR. WELLS: That's possible.
16	MEMBER JONES: It's possible?
17	MR. WELLS: Yes.
18	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are you
20	almost done, Mr. Jones? I think we have gone
21	over some of the same territory and it is
22	getting late. It's a 12:45. And I think

Page 154 1 everybody is getting tired. 2 MEMBER JONES: Say what? Mike, 3 what do you want me to do? Do you want me to 4 stop? Huh? Okay. Whatever. 5 MEMBER ALBERTI: Actually --MEMBER JONES: So --6 7 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- I was fine. Ι 8 was --9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: How long? 10 How much more do you have? 11 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- getting good 12 information --13 MEMBER JONES: I don't know. 14 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- from this line 15 of questions. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I didn't say 16 17 to stop. I just want to know how much more 18 there is, because it seems like --19 MEMBER JONES: It depends on how 20 long it takes him to answer. 21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- it is 22 getting repetitive.

Page 155 1 MEMBER JONES: It takes him to answer the question. 2 3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Well, I can 4 hear that from the witness at this point. 5 MEMBER JONES: How -- okay. Can we talk about that? Mike, do you feel like 6 7 I'm badgering the witness, at this point? 8 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I would 9 prefer --10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, let's not 11 put Board Members on the spot. 12 MEMBER JONES: Well, you put me on 13 the spot. I'm asking do you feel like --14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So let's not 15 put Mike on the spot. 16 MEMBER JONES: -- I'm badgering 17 the witness? 18 Member Alberti, do you feel like 19 I'm badgering the witness, at this point? 20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right. MEMBER ALBERTI: I was comfortable 21 22 with the line of questioning.

Page 156 1 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So I don't 2 feel like I'm badgering the witness. I don't 3 know if the Board Members will go for this, so I think it is three to --4 5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. What 6 are you --7 MEMBER JONES: -- one --8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Well, how 9 much more do you have? 10 MEMBER JONES: -- feel like I'm 11 badgering the witness. 12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Can you give 13 us an idea of how much more you have? 14 MEMBER JONES: It depends on how 15 long it takes him to answer. I didn't think 16 it was going to take this long. But if you 17 want me to stop, I'll stop. I mean, if you've 18 got an issue with it, then speak on it. 19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No. I just 20 want you to try to wrap up and get to your 21 main points, because it has been --22 MEMBER JONES: What does that

Page 157 1 mean? 2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It has been a 3 long time. MEMBER JONES: How much time do I 4 5 have? Do you want to put a cap on it? 6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, I'm not 7 going to put a cap on it. Just try -- can you zero in? 8 9 (Simultaneous speaking.) 10 MEMBER JONES: I need --11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I think we 12 have covered things. 13 MEMBER JONES: -- clear --14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I'm telling 15 you when it seems redundant. 16 MEMBER JONES: I don't know what 17 that means. 18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It means 19 simply --20 MEMBER JONES: Try to -- so --21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Can 22 you wrap it up?

Page 158 1 MEMBER JONES: Within 10 minutes. 2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Good. 3 MEMBER JONES: Give me a time. 4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That would be 5 good. 6 MEMBER JONES: All right. 7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 8 MEMBER JONES: At 2:15, sir? 9 MR. WELLS: Right. 10 MEMBER JONES: At 2:15 a.m. --11 MR. WELLS: Right. 12 MEMBER JONES: -- in your 13 mezzanine area, you had -- your instruction 14 was to have the DJ not play anything more, 15 correct? He was supposed to stop at 2:00? 16 MR. WELLS: Yes. 17 MEMBER JONES: Did you have a DJ 18 on the second floor area? 19 MR. WELLS: Yes. 20 MEMBER JONES: You did. Okay. 21 What was his setup like? 22 MR. WELLS: Pretty much the same

Page 159 1 setup. 2 MEMBER JONES: Pretty much the 3 same thing? 4 MR. WELLS: Yes. 5 MEMBER JONES: Can you turn to Exhibit 6 in what you provided? 6 7 MR. WELLS: Yeah. MEMBER JONES: What area is this? 8 9 Is this the mezzanine or the second floor DJ 10 booth area? 11 MR. WELLS: Exhibit 6 would be the 12 second floor DJ booth area. 13 MEMBER JONES: Okay. So I cannot 14 see what the DJ booth equipment looks like in 15 that area. Can you describe that to me? 16 MR. WELLS: Sure. It's actually 17 the same laptop setup that would be directly 18 in front facing the outward window. That 19 would be the laptop setup there. Okay? 20 MEMBER JONES: Yes, sir. 21 MR. WELLS: And the CDJs below. 22 MEMBER JONES: Below?

Page 160 1 MR. WELLS: Below --2 MEMBER JONES: When you say below, 3 basically, where is it? 4 MR. WELLS: They usually put one 5 here and one here. I'm sorry, one on left and one on the right or both right in front, 6 7 depending on the DJ, what their personal 8 preference is. But the laptop sits to the front. 9 10 So that opening, the laptop would 11 sit -- there is a ledge here. 12 MEMBER JONES: Understood. 13 MR. WELLS: So depending on their 14 preference, the laptop is either there or, you 15 know, they catty-corner it depending on their 16 preference. 17 MEMBER JONES: Okay. Is this the 18 DJ that you had under employ on the evening of January 29th? This individual in the striped 19 20 Freddie Kruger-like sweater? 21 MR. WELLS: Yes. 22 MEMBER JONES: Okay. On the

Page 161 second floor area or in the second floor area, would this be reflective or representative of your setup and what would have been going on in your establishment after 2:00 a.m. on January 29th on the second floor? MR. WELLS: Um-hum. MEMBER JONES: It would be. But your position is that because just because he is standing there, does not mean he was manipulating the music? MR. WELLS: Yes. MEMBER JONES: Okay. Where would the music source be coming from that is playing throughout your establishment after 2:00 a.m.? Is it coming from the mezzanine area or from the second floor DJ area? MR. WELLS: That night in question, I believe, both DJs were instructed to play CDs. Have a compilation ready, not I believe. Both DJs were instructed to play a CD for the remaining period of the night. To stop playing at 2:00.		
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	22	stop playing at 2:00.

Page 162 1 So he would have had a CD, 2 downstairs would have had their CD. 3 MEMBER JONES: Understood. So the second floor was still localized to the second 4 5 floor? MR. WELLS: Yes, yes, yes, yes. 6 7 MEMBER JONES: And the mezzanine was still localized to the mezzanine --8 9 MR. WELLS: Um-hum, um-hum. 10 MEMBER JONES: -- and down below? 11 MR. WELLS: Yes. 12 MEMBER JONES: Correct? Okav. 13 MR. WELLS: Correct, yes. 14 MEMBER JONES: And who stopped the 15 music? 16 MR. WELLS: Either myself, my 17 security. 18 MEMBER JONES: So --19 MR. WELLS: Once it is last call, 20 we turn on the lights and we go through the process of, you know, shutting down and then 21 22 we turn off the DJs. Turn off the music.

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1	MEMBER JONES: Turn off the music.
2	So you physically go and turn off the DJ
3	equipment and you remove any media, i.e., CDs
4	or vinyl LPs or whatever you want to call
5	them? You physically do that?
6	MR. WELLS: No, I don't.
7	MEMBER JONES: The DJ does not do
8	that?
9	MR. WELLS: No. I don't
10	physically do it. I would physically do it if
11	I am doing it in charge of doing it, I will
12	would go and stop the music, yes, turn off,
13	remove the music.
14	MEMBER JONES: Understood. But on
15	the night in question, in your mezzanine area
16	on the 28th, specifically, in the mezzanine
17	area, did you or one of your staff, someone
18	other than the DJ turn off the CD?
19	MR. WELLS: Yes.
20	MEMBER JONES: Someone other than
21	the DJ turned off the CD?
22	MR. WELLS: No, no. I honestly

Page 164 1 can't attest to who turned it off. I know I 2 didn't turn it off. 3 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 4 MR. WELLS: But I -- but it's 5 common protocol every time the lights come on between my general manager, security, they all 6 7 know music goes off. 8 MEMBER JONES: Okay. 9 MR. WELLS: It's an operation 10 procedure that we do every time. 11 MEMBER JONES: So how do you 12 handle requests from the audience? MR. WELLS: I think --13 14 MEMBER JONES: How is it handled? 15 MR. WELLS: -- we -- well, this 16 night we didn't have any requests after 2:00 17 a.m. because we weren't operating. We weren't 18 interacting with the music. So there wouldn't 19 have been any requests. 20 On a normal night during the 21 course of the regular evening, a DJ can walk--22 a patron can walk up and say hey, can you play

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1	this and he says sure, I have it or no, I
2	don't have it.
3	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
4	MR. WELLS: Or I'll see do you
5	have the radio version or not and determine if
6	it's played or not.
7	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So a patron
8	would come to the DJ and the DJ would say I
9	may have it, I may not have it and then he
10	will come to you and say can I play this?
11	MR. WELLS: Yes. If it's
12	something questionable, yes, absolutely, he
13	will come to me because there is a certain
14	degree of lewdness out there that I don't want
15	played in there.
16	MEMBER JONES: Okay. But if it's
17	not questionable, he has the authority to go
18	ahead and play it?
19	MR. WELLS: Yes, um-hum.
20	MEMBER JONES: Okay. So after
21	2:00 a.m., did you instruct patrons that they
22	could no longer ask or make requests?

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1	MR. WELLS: No, no.
2	MEMBER JONES: No? Okay. On the
3	29th after 2:00 a.m., did you instruct patrons
4	that they could no longer make requests?
5	MR. WELLS: No.
6	MEMBER JONES: No. At any point
7	what happens what's your procedure or
8	protocol or guidance that you give to the DJs
9	when the CD comes to an end?
10	MR. WELLS: In this case, the DJs
11	were specifically told to make sure they had
12	a DJ a CD or media that could play for 45
13	minutes.
14	MEMBER JONES: Okay.
15	MR. WELLS: And were specifically
16	told to make sure they had a media that could
17	play for 45 minutes. In addition to that, if
18	a patron came up and said can I hear X, they
19	would say no, we are not taking requests. We
20	are not actually playing.
21	MEMBER JONES: So that's the
22	guidance that was given to the DJ in terms of
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Page 167 1 requests? 2 MR. WELLS: Yes. 3 MEMBER JONES: And that's the 4 guidance that they were given in terms of 5 preparation for the after 2:00 a.m. festivities? 6 7 Yes, um-hum. MR. WELLS: Um-hum. 8 MEMBER JONES: Yes. Okay. So 9 they were specifically told to provide a CD or 10 a media that could play for -- continuously for 45 minutes. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, 11 12 Madam Chair. 13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. Ι 14 just realized we have a 1:30 hearing next and 15 we are close. Are there any other questions? 16 Yes? Mr. Alberti, some questions? 17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Wells, 18 forgive me. It's been very educational all 19 the information you have given me, but I'm still a little confused. 20 So on the 29th, I'm looking at the 21 22 picture, Exhibit No. 4, what was the source --

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1	what would have been the source of music
2	before 2:00 a.m.?
3	MR. WELLS: I'm sorry, exhibit
4	number what?
5	MEMBER ALBERTI: No. 4.
6	MR. WELLS: No. 4.
7	MEMBER ALBERTI: That's the 29th.
8	MR. WELLS: This would have been
9	the source before 2:00 a.m., absolutely.
10	MEMBER ALBERTI: What would have
11	been the source of music?
12	MR. WELLS: Right here, the CDJs.
13	The CDJs or whatever was positioned here.
14	MEMBER ALBERTI: Meaning? Well,
15	that's kind of general. What does the CDJ do?
16	MR. WELLS: Okay.
17	MEMBER ALBERTI: Tell me what a
18	CDJ does.
19	MR. WELLS: That's what is
20	MEMBER ALBERTI: Just tell me what
21	a CDJ does.
22	MR. WELLS: Let's refer to exhibit

Page 169 1 -- let me make the distinction for you. Let's 2 refer to Exhibit No. 3. 3 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. 4 MR. WELLS: The CDJs are the two 5 digital devices next door. What you do, in this case, it's playing from Serato, from on 6 7 a laptop. So his source is a laptop. 8 MEMBER ALBERTI: So the source of 9 the music is the laptop? 10 MR. WELLS: The source of the 11 music --12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Is it an MP3? MR. WELLS: The actual MP3 files--13 14 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes. 15 MR. WELLS: -- are -- reside on 16 the laptop. 17 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right, all 18 right. 19 MR. WELLS: The two CDJs are 20 actually just dummy CDs, so to speak, that go in there that interact with the software to, 21 basically, allow you to manipulate. 22

Page 170 1 MEMBER ALBERTI: So they are 2 manipulating --3 MR. WELLS: But they have to be --Hold on. 4 MEMBER ALBERTI: They 5 are manipulating the sound that is originating from -- they are manipulating the signal that 6 7 is originating from the MP3 file. Is that 8 correct? 9 MR. WELLS: They are a necessary 10 component if you are playing through a laptop, 11 which Serato does. 12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Well, you just told me that that would have been -- an MP3 13 14 file would have been the source. 15 MR. WELLS: Yes. 16 MEMBER ALBERTI: And they are 17 manipulating the electronic signal from the 18 MP3 source. Is that right? 19 MR. WELLS: Not manipulating. 20 They are enabling the source to go out to the -- the CD --21 22 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. But they

Page 171 1 are somehow --2 MR. WELLS: -- that source is 3 digital. 4 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- affecting that 5 source. They are somehow affecting that file 6 to create --7 MR. WELLS: Let me explain. MEMBER ALBERTI: -- the sound that 8 9 goes out. 10 MR. WELLS: Let me explain. 11 MEMBER ALBERTI: I gotcha. All 12 right. 13 MR. WELLS: Let me explain. It is 14 coming in the laptop. It comes in to the two CDJs. 15 16 MEMBER ALBERTI: Right. 17 MR. WELLS: The two CDJs go out 18 into the mixer. The mixer goes out into the 19 house --20 MEMBER ALBERTI: Absolutely. 21 MR. WELLS: -- speakers. 22 MEMBER ALBERTI: So they affect --

Page 172 1 MR. WELLS: Oh, yes. 2 MEMBER ALBERTI: The MP3 comes in 3 and they affect that electronic signal and it 4 goes to the mixer. Gotcha. 5 MR. WELLS: It's --MEMBER ALBERTI: On the 29th --6 7 MR. WELLS: -- a necessary 8 component of --9 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- what was the 10 source of the sound? What was the source of 11 the file? 12 MR. WELLS: Either --13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Was it an 14 electronic file or was it an analog file? 15 MR. WELLS: On the 29th? 16 MEMBER ALBERTI: Meaning --17 MR. WELLS: On the 29th, I would 18 say an electronic --19 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Well, what 20 was the source? 21 MR. WELLS: -- through the laptop. 22 MEMBER ALBERTI: What was the

Page 173 1 source? 2 MR. WELLS: Through the laptop. 3 MEMBER ALBERTI: And after 2:00 4 a.m.? 5 MR. WELLS: The laptop. MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Okay. And 6 7 then the CDJs that -- you say this is a CDJ 8 here I'm looking at. 9 MR. WELLS: In Exhibit 3? 10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Exhibit 4, right, 11 right. 12 MR. WELLS: Oh, 4, sorry. MEMBER ALBERTI: And it does the 13 14 same thing as --15 MR. WELLS: Right. 16 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- the -- I'm 17 looking at 4 as the CDJ. Is that correct? 18 MR. WELLS: Yes. 19 MEMBER ALBERTI: What is that? What's that called? 20 21 MR. WELLS: It does -- it has the 22 same function.

Page 174 1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Just tell me what 2 it's called. Answer my question. What's it 3 called? MR. WELLS: Okay, CDJ is the 4 5 So I'm not exactly sure what his brand brand. is. It's probably a Pioneer turntable. 6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, CDJ is a 7 8 brand? 9 MR. WELLS: It's a Pioneer 10 turntable. MEMBER ALBERTI: It's not a kind 11 12 of equipment? All right. I gotcha. All 13 right. And does it do the same thing as the 14 CDJ does? 15 MR. WELLS: Yes. 16 MEMBER ALBERTI: It brings to 17 question why would the DJ bring their own? 18 MR. WELLS: Sometimes -- just 19 sometimes they actually -- sometimes, first of 20 all, they prefer to play on their own 21 equipment. It varies. It's purely a personal 22 preference. I provide -- the house has

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1	equipment. They can bring. Some people like
2	the feel of the vinyl. You know what I mean,
3	if they are actually playing on manipulating
4	music, they will prefer the vinyl feel to it
5	as opposed to the digital head of the CDJ.
6	MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. I gotcha.
7	I gotcha. So but the original source is the
8	MP3 file that is in the laptop?
9	MR. WELLS: In this instance, yes.
10	MEMBER ALBERTI: And that would
11	have continued after 2:00 a.m.?
12	MR. WELLS: Until 2:45.
13	MEMBER ALBERTI: So that's the
14	difference between what happened between in
15	your testimony in terms of what you are
16	testifying, what is the difference between
17	what happened before 2:00 a.m. and
18	MR. WELLS: My source.
19	MEMBER ALBERTI: after 2:00?
20	MR. WELLS: Okay. My source of
21	music is the same seven days a week. It is
22	from that specific staging area.

Page 176 1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. 2 MR. WELLS: Seven days a week. My 3 contention is that they were instructed, told 4 to not manipulate with the music. Meaning not 5 manually change songs, not interact with customers as to requests, etcetera, etcetera, 6 7 etcetera. Nobody has seen or proven that I have --8 9 MEMBER ALBERTI: Gotcha. 10 MR. WELLS: -- that they have done 11 such. 12 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. It 13 took a long time, but now I understand what 14 you are trying to tell us. Thank you. 15 MR. WELLS: All right. Thank you. 16 Sorry for, you know --17 MEMBER ALBERTI: I have no further 18 questions. MR. WELLS: Appreciate your 19 20 patience. 21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Other Board 22 questions? I just want to ask one clarifying Neal R. Gross & Co., Inc.

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Page 177 1 question. Just in Exhibit 5, Photo 2, where 2 it looks like there is a needle on a record. 3 MR. WELLS: Yes. 4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are you 5 saying that is not a needle on a record? It's something else? 6 7 MR. WELLS: It's not what you are interpreting that to be like a normal long-8 9 play LP player. 10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But --11 MR. WELLS: It's not -- that's not 12 how -- it's not a record. It's not a record 13 that is playing music. 14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. 15 MR. WELLS: You know what I mean? 16 That is part of the -- like I was explaining 17 to Mr. Alberti, that is part of the function 18 for Serato to operate. It needs to have that. 19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 20 MR. WELLS: Not a laser as Mr. 21 Jones points out, but an analog connection to 22 the actual turntable, because that's where the

Page 178 1 song goes into the mixer and it then comes out 2 to the house. 3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So a CD could 4 be playing --5 MR. WELLS: Yes. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- in this 6 7 picture? Okay. Any redirect? 8 MR. RIVERO: Not really. 9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I --MR. RIVERO: Could I have a brief 10 11 recess? 12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. How 13 much would you -- two minutes? 14 MR. RIVERO: Really short. 15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, okay. 16 Why don't we take -- we can take five minutes. 17 Okay. 18 (Whereupon, at 12:57 a.m. a recess 19 until 12:59 a.m.) 20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 21 MR. RIVERO: Thank you. Board 22 Members, there were a whole lot of statements

Page 179 1 today about the ins and outs of music 2 equipment, the conduct of certain Investigators that were involved and, in fact, 3 4 the conduct of the licensee proper. 5 This case threatens to get lost in a morass of details and I'm here to tell you 6 7 that it's actually a rather simple case. And we need to eliminate the clutter and we are 8 9 going to do it right now. 10 And what we want to do is we want 11 to start with a very simple definition. Okay? And that is what is entertainment? 12 That's 13 what this case is really about. It centers on 14 a very simple illustration. 15 Is going -- a human being going up 16 to equipment and putting on music and then 17 walking away from equipment whether it looks 18 like a turntable or a laptop does become --19 the complexity of the equipment is not 20 It could be something as ancient important. 21 as your grandfather's phonograph or as advanced as something out of Star Wars. 22

Page 180 1 Is the act of walking up to this 2 equipment and arranging for music to be played 3 simply some bureaucratic task or is it entertainment, as the law defines it? The law 4 5 by which this Board is bound. So we start with that definition 6 7 of entertainment. Entertainment means live 8 music or any other live performance by an 9 actual person, including live bands, karaoke, 10 comedy shows, poetry readings and disc 11 jockeys. 12 The term entertainment shall not 13 include the operation of a jukebox, a 14 television, a radio or other "prerecorded" 15 music. 16 This case centers around the 17 interpretation of the phrase "prerecorded 18 music" in that definition that I just read to 19 you. 20 Now, this definition, as we all 21 know, is pretty old. In fact, it predates 22 It doesn't predate record players, laptops.

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1	but it predates laptops. Okay.
2	And on the one hand, you have in
3	the first sentence inclusion of disc jockeys.
4	You are entitled to use Webster's Dictionary
5	and your every day knowledge of what you think
6	a disc jockey is. In that very same sentence,
7	the disc jockey is part of a line of people
8	who do "live performances." People who sing
9	with a microphone.
10	The disc jockey is characterized
11	by law as someone who is doing something to
12	entertain people. Not talking, not singing
13	with a microphone, but certainly doing
14	something to entertain people. And what is
15	that something? Well, disc jockeys don't play
16	live music, that's what a band does in our
17	understanding.
18	A disc jockey plays songs that are
19	on tapes or records or CDs or MP3s or what
20	have you. When you look at that source of
21	music, it looks like prerecorded music,
22	doesn't it?

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1	A disc jockey can't do what we
2	know disc jockeys do without prerecorded
3	music. So by definition, it's necessary. And
4	yet, entertainment doesn't include prerecorded
5	music as you see in the second sentence.
6	There must have been some intent
7	as to what that phrase in the second sentence
8	means. And I'll tell you what it means. It
9	would be absurd if every restaurant in the
10	city had to get an entertainment endorsement
11	or permit to play the background music that
12	diners enjoy.
13	The background music is often the
14	source of you know, it could be a radio
15	station. It could be some long something
16	playing at for the diners. People who are
17	not doing what? Dancing.
18	Let me take you to the wall. DC
19	Code 25 we were just reading from DC Code
20	25-101 and the definition is (21)(a).
21	I will now take you to 25-113(a),
22	license endorsements. It says "The licensee
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1	under a license class," and it includes the
2	category of the establishment here, "shall
3	obtain an entertainment endorsement from the
4	Board to be eligible to have entertainment, a
5	cover charge or offer facilities for dancing."
6	Now, I don't know about you, but
7	we use our every day knowledge and I can't
8	come up with a single instance where you can
9	offer facilities for dancing without music.
10	I haven't seen people dance to silence.
11	So if you are going to have
12	dancing, you've got to have music. And here
13	there is zero evidence, zero evidence, that
14	the dancing and the operation of the DJ were
15	disconnected. They are hand-in-hand in this
16	case.
17	So we have got someone who, by the
18	nature of his or her job, uses prerecorded
19	music, but arranges it. Okay? It wasn't the
20	dishwasher doing it. It wasn't the waiter
21	doing it. It wasn't the manager doing it.
22	There is testimony that it was a DJ and nobody

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1	has told me or you otherwise.
2	You've got a DJ doing what DJs do.
3	Now, the question then is did this DJ do what
4	he or she does in violation of the license in
5	question? So all this turns on whether it was
6	after 2:00 a.m. on the days in question or
7	not.
8	There is zero, again I love that
9	number, evidence that we have talking about
10	what happened at 2:00 a.m. or before. There
11	is no evidence on the record here that
12	Investigators were in this establishment
13	before 2:00 a.m. witnessing music being
14	played. You don't have the Investigators
15	saying that to you. They wouldn't, because it
16	wouldn't be a violation.
17	What you have is after 2:00 a.m.
18	the Investigators were there. They heard
19	music. Investigator Lawson heard music
20	whether in the foyer or the restaurant portion
21	doesn't matter, because we have heard that the
22	music could have only come from one source, a

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1	human being that we call a DJ, who arranged
2	music to play.
3	It didn't come from any other way.
4	It didn't come, in fact, from any of the
5	exemptions in the law that says this isn't
6	entertainment. So we wouldn't be talking
7	about anything.
8	And that's it. That's what this
9	case is about. There is no evidence to say
10	that music was not playing.
11	Now, you have got some statements
12	on the other side to the effect that DJs may
13	have been packing up. We don't have any exact
14	time in evidence as to when that music that
15	may have been prearranged stopped playing, but
16	we do have the evidence of Investigator Lawson
17	who said I came in at 2:50 on Friday/Saturday
18	night. I came in at 2:15 on Saturday/Sunday
19	morning and I heard music.
20	You also have these photographs.
21	Now, there has been an admission that
22	Investigator Maisel was running around the
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1	place taking photos. That hasn't been
2	contradicted. What is at issue is the time
3	stamp, whether these photos accurately portray
4	a violation of the law.
5	But again, zero evidence that
6	Investigator Maisel was doing that before 2:00
7	a.m., zero.
8	Now, there is a whole lot of other
9	stuff that might lead you to question the
10	credibility of some statements. I submit to
11	you that the credibility at issue here is the
12	credibility of the witness who testified for
13	the Government, Investigator Lawson. And
14	there is zero evidence to impugn his
15	testimony.
16	Investigator Maisel took the
17	photographs, printed them, gave them to him
18	and said to him that this is what they were.
19	She was with him. They were almost joined at
20	the hip during their shifts together.
21	So any accusations about
22	inappropriate conduct, including alcohol
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Page 187 1 consumption, as relates to Investigator 2 Maisel, or even the conduct of Investigator 3 Stewart. are completely and utterly irrelevant 4 and should very well be the subject of an 5 investigation by ABRA and there ought to be some conclusion and yes, perhaps the licensee 6 7 ought to be contacted of the investigation if 8 that is the process that the Agency uses in 9 its normal course of business. 10 Whatever it is that is going on 11 with the allegations with respect to these two 12 individuals, that's the subject of an 13 investigation. That has nothing to do with 14 the fact of this case. 15 Now, you may choose to credit the 16 licensee's statements about the inappropriate 17 behavior of Investigator Maisel and the 18 inappropriate behavior, according to the 19 allegations, of Investigator Stewart. 20 Let's assume that this is true, 21 that these people did what they did. It still 22 has no bearing on my job, which is to give you

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1	evidence to prove what I believe I have
2	already proven by virtue of the fact that the
3	critical information in front of you has not
4	been contradicted by the other side.
5	And so you see, we really can help
6	ourselves to clarity by focusing on what is
7	entertainment and, more specifically, what is
8	prerecorded music? And if you put two-and-two
9	together and use a little bit of logic, you
10	must know when you put together the definition
11	of entertainment in DC Code 25-113(a), that
12	the prerecorded music that the DJ uses is not
13	part of the exemption that is listed in
14	entertainment, because otherwise you don't
15	have entertainment.
16	And so, unfortunately, you have a
17	situation where the licensee indicates that he
18	wasn't present hovering over the shoulder of
19	the DJs. You have a situation where it was
20	after 2:00 and the DJs were playing music and
21	that's the end of the story.
22	I understand it's not a problem

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1	now. The Board can take administrative notice
2	that the licensee's hours have changed. But
3	at the time of this incident, Exhibit 1 will
4	show you that there has been a violation. And
5	that's all this case is about. Thank you.
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
7	Mr. Wells?
8	MR. WELLS: Yes, thank you. If I
9	may, this case is about so much more than just
10	if a disc jockey was playing the music. As
11	opposing counsel said, whether Mrs. Maisel
12	accurately conduct had an issue, how can
13	her conduct not have any bearing on this
14	proceeding?
15	My entire complaint that I lodged
16	the Monday morning was based on her conduct
17	the evening of the Friday night of Saturday
18	morning. Friday night/Saturday morning and
19	Saturday night/Sunday morning, in which I
20	stated she showed me her middle finger. She
21	acted intoxicated. And I finally filed a
22	formal complaint.

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1	Mr. Lawson, by his own admission,
2	has never walked into the establishment on any
3	nights in question, not one single night did
4	he walk in on Friday night to the area in
5	question of Sultra Lounge. He stayed by the
6	foyer Friday night and never made it past the
7	front door.
8	Saturday night, he proceeded to
9	step in the front door and move to the left,
10	which is an entirely different building and
11	address. Okay? Never mentioned never
12	actually entered the area in question and yet,
13	still, I'm not supposed to question the
14	conduct of Ms. Maisel, who is the sole
15	presenter of this case? The sole person who
16	took these pictures? And she is not even
17	here. I don't know where she is yet. Nobody
18	has felt inclined to tell me, that's fine.
19	But, yes, I have a problem with
20	her not being here to answer all these claims
21	that are made directly against her and Mr.
22	Lawson openly admitting to never coming into

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1	my establishment at any point in time to the
2	area in question where all of these
3	allegations transpired.
4	He admits to showing up four
5	minutes after she walked out of the door on
6	Friday night and then three minutes after
7	three minutes no, no. After she three
8	minutes after she walked to the front of the
9	foyer area. So again, he never came into my
10	establishment. This is on his own admission
11	by his own admission.
12	Opposing counsel's definition of
13	live music, yes, it would be absolutely insane
14	for us to go around and get every
15	establishment to get an entertainment
16	endorsement for playing background music. We
17	know that. We deal with this every single
18	day.
19	To think that the source of the
20	music does not could not remain the same
21	regardless of if you have a disc jockey
22	present or not, is ludicrous because the disc

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1	jockey where my disc jockey and where my
2	music emanates from is there seven days a
3	week.
4	And yes, he was instructed to play
5	a CD. I admitted to that. He was instructed
6	to play until 2:00 a.m. I admitted to that.
7	I admitted to the fact that I told him and
8	instructed him and he stopped playing at 2:00
9	a.m.
10	The District has done nothing to
11	prove by these pictures that my DJ was playing
12	music other than playing from any other media
13	that they normally would be. And any other
14	establishment you go to closing down, you are
15	still going to see hear music in the
16	background.
17	The District has presented no
18	evidence of anybody dancing on either night of
19	the occasion, which would acknowledge that
20	there was some kind of other live there was
21	live entertainment and people were partying,
22	you know.

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1	Unfortunately, there is no
2	evidence of that whatsoever and from my memory
3	and I was there, both nights were pretty dead
4	and there was practically no one there on
5	either of the nights when that Investigator
6	came in.
7	One time was 2:18, one time was
8	2:50. Adams Morgan is pretty dead these days
9	around that time, especially during last year
10	when we were in the middle of the 18th Street
11	construction and I had a construction zone in
12	front of me.
13	I'm sorry. So, yes, really, to
14	state that this is with the evidence that
15	the District has presented a substantial
16	change to my operating policy? No, I can't
17	agree with it. And none and the pictures
18	that are handwritten, this is the age of
19	digital pictures.
20	All the pictures with the time
21	stamp written were two different areas of my
22	establishment with the exact same time stamp.
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1	That is humanly impossible. And I'm supposed
2	to question and I'm also questioning the
3	conduct of an Investigator, who is not present
4	to represent herself or defend herself as to
5	her conduct being totally unprofessional and
6	she was drunk. I don't care what anybody
7	says, she was intoxicated. And I have
8	witnesses to prove that, if we need to go
9	forward further.
10	That's I mean, that's really I
11	you know, like I said, that's my full case.
12	I rest my case.
13	MR. RIVERO: The Government would
14	object to any statements in closing argument
15	that qualify as testimony and was not
16	presented during the licensee's case.
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It won't be
18	considered as testimony as it wasn't under
19	oath, correct. Okay.
20	MR. RIVERO: If it is included in
21	closing
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I understand.

Page 195 1 MR. RIVERO: -- and never 2 mentioned before --3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. 4 MR. RIVERO: -- and it is of a 5 testimonial nature, we would ask that it be stricken and not considered. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. Mr. 8 Wells is not an attorney. And, Mr. Rivero, 9 unless you object, the way I see it is that 10 closing is argument and that whatever evidence 11 might be put in in closing is not evidence in 12 the record. It's just argument. 13 MR. RIVERO: Okay. Great. 14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So, yes, it 15 won't be considered as testimony. 16 MR. RIVERO: Thank you. 17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right. 18 At this point, I'm about to close the record. 19 Is there anything else anyone wants to put 20 into the record, at this time? 21 MR. RIVERO: Not the Government. 22 MR. WELLS: I would just like No.

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1	to thank the Board for my lack of
2	understanding of the procedural formalities
3	here. Sorry about that.
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, that's
5	okay. You are not an attorney and it's a
6	non-attorney, unless you are an attorney.
7	MR. WELLS: I'm not an attorney.
8	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay.
9	MR. WELLS: Sorry.
10	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: This is the
11	next question and you may need help on this
12	one, but do the parties want to file proposed
13	findings of fact and conclusions of law or
14	waive their right to do so?
15	MR. RIVERO: The Government will
16	waive.
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And do
18	you understand what the question is?
19	MR. WELLS: I'm sorry, what was
20	the question?
21	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. You
22	have a legal right to file proposed findings
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1	of fact and conclusions of law, based on the
2	evidence that is in the record. The
3	Government is waiving its rights. Most
4	participants in these proceedings don't. It's
5	like a legal brief that can be done.
6	You would have to get the
7	transcript and then make your arguments in
8	writing, but you have a right to do so, if you
9	choose.
10	MR. WELLS: I waive.
11	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So you
12	will waive. Okay.
13	And I'm just going to say I didn't
14	when you asked about Ms. Maisel before why
15	they didn't produce Ms. Maisel as a witness,
16	I sustained the objection because a party
17	doesn't have to explain their case why you are
18	there and presenting a witness or not
19	presenting a witness.
20	But just for a point of
21	information, and that may not go to whether or
22	not the reason she did not appear today, I

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1	don't know, but she is not with the Agency any
2	more, just for your own knowledge.
3	Okay. So now, I'm going to close
4	out this hearing and just read our Open
5	Meetings instructions for this as we will be
6	deliberating on this later in Executive
7	Session.
8	As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
9	Beverage Control Board for the District of
10	Columbia and in accordance with Section 405 of
11	the Open Meetings Amendment Act of 2010, I
12	move that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting
13	for purposes of seeking legal advice from our
14	counsel on Case No. 12-CMP-00105, Sultra
15	Lounge, per Section 405(b)(4) of the Open
16	Meetings Amendment Act of 2010, and
17	deliberating upon this case for the reasons
18	cited in Section 405(b)(13) of the Open
19	Meetings Amendment Act of 2010.
20	Is there a second?
21	MEMBER BROOKS: Second.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Brooks
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1	has seconded the motion. I will now take a
2	roll call on the motion now that it has been
3	seconded.
4	Mr. Brooks?
5	MEMBER BROOKS: I agree.
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Alberti?
7	MEMBER ALBERTI: I agree.
8	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Miller
9	agrees.
10	Mr. Silverstein?
11	MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I agree.
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Jones?
13	MEMBER JONES: I agree.
14	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It appears
15	that the motion has passed by a vote of 5-0-0.
16	I hereby give notice that the ABC
17	Board will recess this proceeding to hold a
18	closed meeting in the ABC Board conference
19	room pursuant to the Open Meetings Amendment
20	Act of 2010 later in the day. Okay. And we
21	will issue an order within 90 days.
22	Any other questions? It has been
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1	a long morning. Thank you very much.
2	MR. WELLS: Thank you.
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. We
4	have a 1:30 hearing, so we will recess now at
5	least until then.
6	(Whereupon, the Show Cause Hearing
7	in the above-entitled matter was concluded at
8	1:19 p.m.)
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