

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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5 IN THE MATTER OF: :
6 Georgene Thompson, t/a :
7 Player's Lounge :
8 2737 Martin Luther King, Jr. : Fact Finding
9 Avenue, SE : Hearing
10 License #ABRA-1271 :
11 Retailer Class CN : Case No.
12 ANC-8C : 15-251-00200
13 Request for a Fact Finding :
14 Hearing (MPD Letter :
15 Dated 10/27/2015) :

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17 Wednesday, December 2, 2015

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19 Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
20 came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
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2 DONOVAN ANDERSON, Presiding

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 RUTHANNE MILLER

6 NICK ALBERTI

7 MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

8 JAMES SHORT

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

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12 GEORGENE THOMPSON,

13 On behalf of Player's Lounge

14 MARY CUTHBERT,

15 ANC Commissioner

16 FELISHA DANTZLER,

17 On behalf of ABRA

18 CAPTAIN AUBREY MONGAL

19 On behalf of Metropolitan Police Department

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 [2:33 p.m.]

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The next case on the
4 agenda is Case No. 15-251-00200, the Player's
5 Lounge, License No. 1271.

6 Will the parties step forward, please?

7 (Pause)

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And can you please
9 state your name, and there's a sheet on the board
10 for you to sign. And please state your name and
11 spell your name for the record for the
12 transcriber, please.

13 MS. THOMPSON: My name is Georgene
14 Thompson, G-E-O-R-G-E-N-E T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N.

15 MS. CUTHBERT: Good afternoon. I'm Mary
16 Cuthbert, and that's spelled C-U-T-H-B-E-R-T.

17 MS. DANTZLER: Good afternoon. My name
18 is Felicia Dantzler, ABRA investigator.

19 Name phonetically, last name is D, like
20 David, A-N, T like Tom, Z, zebra, L-E-R.

21 (Discussion off the record)

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I guess I want to say

1 for the record, that since I want -- I want
2 everyone to be aware of what's going on --
3 actually, though, Ms. Mary Cuthbert, I know her
4 as -- she's an ANC commissioner in Ward 8.

5 I'm an ANC commissioner in Ward 7. I
6 have known her for a number of years. However, I
7 don't believe that the nature of our relationship
8 will in any way, affect my decision today.

9 But I just want the record to reflect
10 that if it's someone I know, I don't want -- at
11 some point, someone states that I know her, I
12 socialize with her. And I don't want anyone at
13 some point, to state that I did not disclose
14 that. So, I'm just doing that for everybody to
15 aware (sic) that I -- I do know her personally,
16 but I don't think that in any way impacts my
17 decision today.

18 There is an officer. Can you please
19 identify yourself and state your name for -- and
20 spell your name for the transcriber, please, too.

21 CAPTAIN MONGAL: Captain Aubrey
22 (phonetic) Mongal, Metropolitan Police

1 Department. Last name is spelled M-O-N-G-A-L.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Now, this is a fact-
3 finding hearing. It is not an adversarial
4 hearing. It's just for an opportunity -- it's
5 just an opportunity for the licensee to explain
6 the incident -- the violation that occurred, and
7 what steps have been taken to address the
8 situation, and also, to give the board an
9 opportunity to more fully explore any questions
10 we might have regarding the incident.

11 And so, what I'll just start off first,
12 is by having the investigator just explain what
13 it's been -- basically, why we're here today.

14 I know that the board requested a fact-
15 finding. I'm sorry. Chief Lineer (phonetic)
16 requested the hearing. But I would like the
17 investigator to just give us some background
18 about what is going on.

19 MS. DANTZLER: Sure. As you stated, Mr.
20 Anderson, Captain Lineer, Chief of Police,
21 reached out to ABRA on Tuesday, October 27th of
22 2015, stating that she will like a fact-finding

1 call upon Player's Lounge, located at 2737 Martin
2 Luther King Avenue, Southeast.

3 Captain was near off -- stated also, that
4 there were -- there was a shooting and stabbing
5 as it related to Player's Lounge. These
6 incidents occurred within days of one another.

7 MPD provided me with two PD 251 reports.
8 The first report number is 1516922. On October
9 24th, MPD reported that they received a call for
10 sounds of gunshots in the area of Player's
11 Lounge.

12 Once on the scene, officers came across a
13 gentleman who was struck twice, and -- from gun
14 fire. He suffered injuries, and that person was
15 taken to the hospital and was treated.

16 MPD also provided me with a second
17 report, CCN number 15167178, detailing a stabbing
18 that occurred outside of Player's Lounge. This
19 occurred on October 20th of 2015, and the
20 shooting occurred on October 24th of 2015.

21 On Friday, October 30th of 2015, I
22 telephonically spoke with Georgene Thompson, who

1 identified herself as the owner of Player's
2 Lounge.

3 Ms. Thompson went on to say that she was
4 working on the night of the incident, and that
5 she no longer works nights, and leaves the day-
6 to-day operations to her daughter, whose name is
7 Angela Hines.

8 On Friday, October 30th, I also
9 interviewed Steve Thompson, who identified
10 himself as the husband of the owner. Mr.
11 Thompson stated that he was not working on the
12 night of the stabbing or the shooting, and he,
13 too, directed me to speak with their daughter, as
14 well as his grandson, and they will be able to
15 provide additional information.

16 However, Mr. Thompson did state that he
17 was aware of a stabbing which occurred on
18 Wednesday, October 21st of 2015. And his
19 understanding was that there were two employees
20 who were involved in a verbal dispute, at which
21 time, one of the employees picked up a knife --
22 correction: picked up a fork and stabbed another

1 employee.

2 However, the report that was submitted to
3 ABRA for review -- those details did not show --
4 did not speak to an employee being stabbed.
5 Rather, it was an individual who was um -- inside
6 their establishment, who was not an employee.

7 On Saturday, November 7th, I visited the
8 establishment, where I met with Tracy Butler
9 (phonetic), who identified herself as the ABC
10 manager.

11 I conducted a regulatory inspection, and
12 no ABRA violation was found. Mr. Butler had no
13 information to provide as it relates to the
14 shooting or the stabbing.

15 Also, on Saturday, November 7th, I
16 telephonically spoke with Ms. Hines, who stated
17 that she was working on the night of the alleged
18 stabbing. She stated that there was -- that no
19 stabbing occurred on Wednesday, October 21st, and
20 basically, stated that there were some
21 individuals inside the establishment.

22 The incident was incident free. They

1 were watching the show, "Empire," and once that
2 show went off, just about everyone had left for
3 the night.

4 However, I was able to determine that the
5 night of the shooting was actually on a Tuesday
6 night, and not a Wednesday night. "Empire" comes
7 on Wednesday night, instead of that Tuesday.

8 Also, on Saturday, November the 7th, I
9 spoke with Steven Gray, who was identified as the
10 -- that's the grandson of the owner. And Mr.
11 Gray stated that on the night of the shooting,
12 the establishment was incident free, and he
13 recalled approximately 10 minutes prior, one of
14 the police officers by officer -- by the name of
15 Officer Malloy came inside.

16 They contacted with the establishment
17 only to say that they were going to assist them
18 with a safe closing, and um -- after that
19 conversation with Officer Malloy, Mr. Gray stated
20 that approximately 10 or 12 minutes later, he
21 heard the sounds of gunshots -- of gunfire.

22 And he stated that the shooting occurred

1 outside of Player's Lounge.

2 Just to go back to Ms. Hines' statement -
3 - I forgot to mention that Ms. Hines did state to
4 me that the suspect was inside of their
5 establishment on the night of the shooting, and
6 that he arrived at approximately 9 p.m.

7 The suspect ate, and then, he left the
8 establishment. However, approximately two and a
9 half hours later, the suspect returned to the
10 establishment, highly intoxicated, and was
11 refused entry a by security guard who worked for
12 --

13 A brief indulgence, please.

14 (Pause)

15 MS. DANTZLER: I cannot find the name of
16 the -- I'm sorry, correction.

17 Sabrina Praylow (phonetic) worked for the
18 security guard, Premier Lifestyle Management,
19 Incorporated, which is hired by Player's Lounge
20 to provide security.

21 She was the individual, so says Ms.
22 Hines, as the person who stopped the suspect from

1 entering the establishment, because he was
2 intoxicated.

3 Ms. Hines went on to say that what she
4 can recall on the night of the shooting, between
5 2:30 and 2:45, she, too, heard gunfire outside of
6 the establishment, and agreed that it was
7 approximately 10 minutes prior -- 10 minutes
8 after Officer Malloy made his presence known to
9 the establishment that he would be outside.

10 On Saturday, November 7th of 2015, as I
11 stated earlier, I spoke with Sabrina Praylow, who
12 stated that -- who confirmed that the suspect was
13 at the front of the entrance around 11:30, who
14 wanted to gain entry, but she refused entry to
15 him, because he was intoxicated.

16 Ms. Praylow stated that she knew nothing
17 about a stabbing, and only knew of a shooting.

18 (Pause)

19 (Discussion off the record)

20 MS. DANTZLER: And lastly, Ms. Hines
21 asked her whether or not if the establishment was
22 part of the MPD reimbursable detail, and she

1 stated that the establishment is not.

2 And that is the conclusion of my brief
3 testimony.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Officer, I forgot
5 your name. Do you have any --

6 CAPTAIN MONGAL: Captain Mongal.

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Do you have anything
8 to add?

9 CAPTAIN MONGAL: Actually, everything
10 seems to be on point. Based on (Inaudible) our
11 investigation (Inaudible) stabbing, the
12 complainant in that case states that both the
13 complainant and the suspect ran inside the
14 establishment earlier, which an altercation took
15 place -- a verbal altercation took place, at
16 which time, they made it out to the parking lot.

17 And at the parking lot is where the
18 location of the stabbing took place.

19 The shooting that we have -- again, the
20 shooting actually took place on the outside of
21 the establishment. The only connection is that
22 the suspect possibly was inside prior, but there

1 is nothing else that connects it to the actual
2 location.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right.

4 (Pause)

5 (Discussion off the record)

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm new to this, so I
7 have still -- this is my second year (Inaudible)?

8 (Inaudible portion)

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Well, the second year
10 that I'm chairman, so I'm still learning.

11 Do you Miss um --

12 MALE SPEAKER: Thompson.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- Ms. Thompson, do
14 you have any questions that you would like to
15 either entertain from --

16 MS. THOMPSON: I don't have any, but I
17 have my daughter here with me, Ms. Hines, that be
18 working on them days (sic). And she knows all of
19 that.

20 And I had the -- one of the police
21 officers to bring me a copy of all this stuff
22 that's happened. She said -- okay, the stabbing

1 -- she said like was in the 2700 block, but it
2 was across the street where Saint Elizabeth is?
3 Right?

4 (No response heard)

5 MS. THOMPSON: And -- you know, and then,
6 like Thanksgiving -- okay, we gave away free
7 food, and three o'clock -- we closed after three
8 o'clock during the day. Right?

9 And my husband, when he came by, there
10 was a police tape around the building. And so,
11 he was wondering what had happened Thanksgiving.
12 Right? And she said she didn't see anything that
13 said anything happened on Thanksgiving. Right?
14 You know, but --

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The -- hold on. I
16 don't mean to cut you off. The incidents that I
17 think that we're -- I mean, the purpose of the
18 fact-finding is to --

19 (Simultaneous discussion)

20 MS. THOMPSON: Is those -- okay. Can I
21 let my daughter come up and tell you? She knows.
22 She works there.

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Right. Yeah, because
2 we're addressing the incidents that --

3 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- not Thanksgiving,
5 but just the incidents that were pointed up in
6 the report that were --

7 MALE SPEAKER: You can pull up another
8 chair, if you'd like.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And so, can you state
10 your name for the record, please?

11 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Angela Thompson-
12 Hines, H-I-N-E-S.

13 (Discussion off the record)

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. So, you
15 heard the investigative report, and your name was
16 mentioned. So, I guess, do you have any
17 questions, based on what was reported?

18 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Yeah. I do recall
19 speaking with her, and she had asked me about the
20 incident on the -- the stabbing on the 21st,
21 which she stated that was a Wednesday.

22 I'm there every night, and during the

1 week, we -- after like 8:30, 9:00, the kitchen is
2 closed, so we're not really that busy. And I did
3 state to her that there was no incident. There
4 was no stabbings or anything inside the club or
5 on the outside of the club that night.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So, I mean, to give a
7 report --

8 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Right.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Is there anything
10 else on the report that you have, that you can
11 shed further light on?

12 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Now, on the incident
13 with the shooting, I did tell her that the
14 shooter was inside of the club, because that came
15 from one of my other bartender, before I came in.

16 And I do know the shooter. I'm not a good
17 friend of his, but I know him, because he's a
18 customer. He's come in there to eat. And I did
19 tell her that he was in there earlier that day,
20 eating, but then, he left.

21 But then, when he returned, he was over
22 intoxicated, and that my security would not allow

1 him to come in. So, then, he went around the
2 back and tried to jump the fence.

3 Security then ran to the back of the --
4 and locked the gates, so he could not get inside
5 of the club. Once we let out -- we was incident
6 free all night. Once we let out, like at around
7 2:30, 2:35, one of the police officers came in
8 and spoke with my son, to let him know that they
9 will be outside to help with our closing.

10 But right after that is when we heard
11 gunshots, when we -- after we had closed. When
12 we were letting out, we were closing it -- from
13 my understanding that the guy was out there
14 arguing with one of the guys that was standing
15 outside.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Now, I --

17 (Discussion off the record)

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm bad with names.
19 Ms. Thompson?

20 MS. THOMPSON: Mm-hmm.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Okay. Ms. Thompson,
22 before my time, it's my understanding that there

1 was a fact finding hearing here, and you had
2 committed to have a security plan for the club.

3 Can you tell us where are you with the
4 security plan that --

5 (Simultaneous discussion)

6 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: I already submit
7 that.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry?

9 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: I submitted that to
10 one of your investigators -- the security plan.

11 (Discussion off the record)

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So, did you get
13 notice that the security plan that was provided
14 was not adequate?

15 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, and then --

16 (Simultaneous discussion)

17 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Yes, and we redid
18 it.

19 MS. THOMPSON: And I brought another one
20 down here, and I gave it to the lady out here at
21 the desk.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: When was that?

1 MS. THOMPSON: It was around the 15th or
2 something like that. I know I brought another
3 one down here.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The 15th of what,
5 ma'am?

6 MS. THOMPSON: This month.

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Well, can you just
8 tell us some more about what is it -- what --
9 what plan, if any, did you put in place?

10 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Well, the -- he had
11 asked us about -- about the security. Well, my -
12 - the company did the security plan for us that
13 we provided -- (Inaudible portion) -- they do the
14 security -- they did the -- sorry, the security
15 plan for us.

16 And we have four officers; two were in
17 the back, two were in the front. And also, on
18 there is like -- if there is an issue with
19 something that happens inside, we do not let both
20 of them out at one time. We let -- the aggressor
21 stays inside the club until we can get the other
22 party out and cleared.

1 And then, we also notify that police
2 department of the incident, if we can get -- if
3 it gets out of control where we can't handle it.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Do you have anything
5 to say?

6 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah. And my camera
7 company is coming tomorrow to install my camera.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So, how many cameras?

9 MS. THOMPSON: I have no idea how many
10 they putting up (Laughs), but I know they're
11 coming tomorrow to do it.

12 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Well, I asked for
13 two to go in the back, since we have -- we're not
14 allowed to have the people stand outside and
15 smoke in the front. So, we now let them go out
16 back to smoke their cigarettes out in the back
17 yard, because we try to keep the front clear.

18 So, I have two -- I asked for two to go
19 in the back, and then two to go in the front. We
20 cannot put any in the parking lot, because we
21 don't own the parking lot.

22 MS. THOMPSON: We would have to put it on

1 the other -- on the car wash building, and they
2 wouldn't let you do that. They wouldn't even let
3 us put lights on their building.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: What about having
5 some cameras in the interior of the facility?

6 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, the other thing --
7 everything -- they're putting them inside, too.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So, you're going to
9 have cameras both inside and outside?

10 MS. THOMPSON: At the inside and the
11 outside. Outside for the front, and outside in
12 the back and have one in the front and one in the
13 back of us.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And do you know how
15 long -- once you have the camera installed, do
16 you know how long that they'll keep the video?
17 Do you know how long that will be kept?

18 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Well, Lieutenant
19 Netter (phonetic) told me we have to keep them
20 for at least 90 days, because we had a meeting
21 with Lieutenant Netter the next following day
22 after the incident that happened on that Friday.

1 Lieutenant Netter came up and spoke with
2 me, and I had a -- a meeting with him. And he
3 gave me some -- he told me some things that we
4 needed to do with the security, as far as making
5 sure that everybody is gone from the parking lot.

6 So, I have to send two of my officers out
7 there to make sure everybody is clear from the
8 parking lot, and making sure that the front is
9 clear before we leave.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Are there
11 any other board members who have some question?
12 Yes, Mr. Alberti?

13 MR. ALBERTI: I just sort of want to
14 follow up on the security plan.

15 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Okay.

16 (Discussion off the record)

17 MR. ALBERTI: I was just getting an
18 update on the security plan that you submitted, I
19 guess, in the middle of November.

20 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Yes.

21 MR. ALBERTI: So, you'll be hearing back
22 from us. I think it looks like it's --

1 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Well, we did submit
2 it one time, and they rejected it.

3 MR. ALBERTI: Yeah, well, let me finish
4 and -- good news.

5 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Okay.

6 MR. ALBERTI: The report I'm getting, if
7 I'm correct, is that it probably complies with
8 the statute. So, this may be the last -- there
9 may not be any edits required.

10 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Okay.

11 MR. ALBERTI: They will be getting back
12 to you.

13 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Okay.

14 MR. ALBERTI: All right? So, I just
15 wanted to give you an update on that.

16 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Okay, thank you.

17 MR. ALBERTI: So the cameras -- they're
18 coming in this week?

19 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, they're supposed to
20 be there tomorrow. But like, it was supposed to
21 be today, but the man called and said he was
22 tired.

1 MR. ALBERTI: So, how many cameras
2 inside?

3 MS. THOMPSON: It'll be -- it'll probably
4 be six, because it'll be one out back, one in the
5 front --

6 MR. ALBERTI: No, but inside. Inside.

7 MS. THOMPSON: Two.

8 MR. ALBERTI: Two.

9 MS. THOMPSON: One in the back and one in
10 the front.

11 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: One in the front.
12 Because we have a disco (Inaudible).

13 MR. ALBERTI: Yeah, so sometimes, when
14 establishments install security in an
15 establishment, they focus one of them right on
16 the cash register. And I understand why, but
17 that doesn't help --

18 MS. THOMPSON: No.

19 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: No, that doesn't
20 help.

21 MR. ALBERTI: -- when you're trying to
22 figure out what's going on in the public area.

1 So, are both of those cameras going to be focused
2 on the public areas?

3 MS. THOMPSON: They're on the public
4 areas.

5 MR. ALBERTI: In the places where your
6 customers --

7 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Mm-hmm.

8 MR. ALBERTI: -- are allowed to go.
9 Okay. That's good for me.

10 MS. THOMPSON: Thanks.

11 MR. ALBERTI: All right. So, I assume
12 that by the end of the year, you'll have the
13 cameras up and working?

14 MS. THOMPSON: I sure will.

15 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Yes. As soon as I
16 get them in, I can inform you.

17 MS. THOMPSON: I'll bring the paper down
18 here --

19 MR. ALBERTI: Great.

20 MS. THOMPSON: -- to show them that I
21 have them.

22 MR. ALBERTI: That's good news. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Are there any other
3 board -- yes, Mr. Short?

4 MR. SHORT: Good afternoon, ladies.

5 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Hello.

6 MS. THOMPSON: Hello.

7 MR. SHORT: I'm very familiar, also, with
8 your club. (Inaudible portion) home (Inaudible)
9 -- 306 Volley (phonetic) Street, South East some
10 40 years ago, and I still live on Branch Avenue,
11 now. So, I'm very interested in what's going on
12 with our community. We know there's a lot of
13 things happening.

14 Now, a suggestion I'd like to make, and
15 ask -- see if I can get you (Inaudible) on this.
16 There have been some other establishments,
17 especially clubs, that have a problem with people
18 coming from the outside inside (Inaudible)
19 probably around --

20 And what happens is, we have a -- almost
21 like a template. After you've got your cameras
22 in, when an investigator from ABRA comes in and

1 checks it out and makes sure you've got all of
2 the valuable areas covered, do you have a problem
3 with that?

4 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: No.

5 MS. THOMPSON: No.

6 MR. SHORT: Okay.

7 Also, with your security plan, is your
8 staff trained -- any of your staff trained on
9 what to do --

10 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Yes.

11 MR. SHORT: So, who trained them?

12 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: I had a person come
13 in and train them. They go -- we have an agency
14 clearance.

15 MR. SHORT: Okay, so, here's what I'd
16 like to do, also.

17 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: We all have the
18 tips.

19 MR. SHORT: If it's okay with you -- they
20 have an investigator there while you're doing the
21 training, just to make sure that everything is
22 covered; you're covered. So you know, it might

1 help you with some of these things, especially
2 with the cameras in the right locations.

3 And I heard you speaking about smoking,
4 but I don't know if that's good or bad, because I
5 know the (Inaudible) in a different --

6 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: They can't smoke
7 inside.

8 MR. SHORT: This board has nothing to do
9 with that, but I would simply say to you, you
10 might want to just have the investigator look at
11 an area, also, because if it's close to one of
12 your exits going out of the rear of the place,
13 then you don't want that blocked off, if people
14 are out there.

15 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Mm-hmm. Right. I
16 understand.

17 MR. SHORT: And we do have something to
18 do with egress.

19 So, when is a good time for an
20 investigator to come out and check with you --
21 checking the cameras? Can you call them and let
22 them know when the cameras get there?

1 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Mm-hmm.

2 MR. SHORT: And then, (Inaudible) your
3 date for him to be there when the training takes
4 place?

5 MS. THOMPSON: Mm-hmm.

6 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Mm-hmm.

7 MR. SHORT: I think that's going to help
8 you immensely.

9 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Okay.

10 MR. SHORT: And that way, also, he kind
11 of can tell you how to call MPD or if you need
12 MPD or whatever, whatever, whatever, and those
13 kinds of things. So, just trying to give you
14 some helpful hints.

15 So, you agreed that you're going to have
16 the investigator come out, and he's going to help
17 you with the planning of the cameras?

18 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: When we have our
19 next training, I -- I don't have a problem with
20 calling him for that.

21 MR. SHORT: At training. Okay, great.
22 Thank you very much. That's all I have.

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Any other -- yes, Ms.
2 Miller?

3 MS. MILLER: I have a few (Inaudible).
4 So, you knew the shooter. That's correct?

5 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: I don't know him
6 personally, but I know him because he's a
7 customer and he comes in there and eats all the
8 time.

9 MS. MILLER: So, is he still welcome in
10 your establishment?

11 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: No, he's banned.

12 MS. MILLER: He's banned.

13 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Okay.

14 MS. MILLER: Okay. That's what I was
15 wondering. And I see that you -- in your
16 security plan you do wandering (?) --

17 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: And I do -- anybody
18 that calls in any issues, I ban them. I don't
19 want them to come back.

20 MS. MILLER: Okay, good.

21 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: And I have those --
22 and I have them posted up in the club, so all of

1 my bartenders know that if they should come, that
2 they're not allowed in the club.

3 MS. MILLER: Do you know -- we've heard
4 everyone say that the shooting was outside your
5 club. Do you know how close it was to your club?
6 Was it near any other --

7 (Simultaneous discussion)

8 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: From my
9 understanding, they say it started -- the guy
10 started at the traffic light, running down the
11 street with the gun. And what I was just trying
12 to understand was, how come my -- the police
13 officer came into the club at 2:30 -- between
14 2:30 and 2:35, and then the incident occurred
15 right after that.

16 So, that's what I was just -- and I also
17 stated that to Lieutenant Netter; I was
18 concerned about that, because if they came in and
19 said they're going to be outside to make sure we
20 have a good closing, the incident just happened.
21 So, where were they? What happened? They didn't
22 see him?

1 MS. MILLER: And did you have a chance to
2 follow up with him?

3 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Well, he said he was
4 going to check (Inaudible) -- he was going to
5 check into it.

6 MS. MILLER: Okay.

7 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: But I can say there
8 that there is an officer out there every Friday
9 night in the parking lot when we close. Every
10 night. And they do come into the club to let us
11 know that they are out there.

12 MS. MILLER: Okay. How about the
13 stabbing? Do you know where that was?

14 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: No.

15 MS. MILLER: (Inaudible)

16 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: When she had called
17 me about it, I knew nothing about a stabbing, and
18 I'm there every night so they don't have to be
19 there. I'm there every night.

20 MS. MILLER: So, just (Inaudible) is
21 primarily about you know, the October date. But
22 I just wanted to follow up with you a little bit,

1 because you seem to be mentioning that maybe
2 there were other things still going on around
3 your club with respect to (Inaudible) on
4 Thanksgiving.

5 And is there some degree of violence
6 around your club?

7 (Simultaneous discussion)

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Hold on --

9 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: I don't think --

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Before you --

11 MS. MILLER: You don't want me to get
12 into that?

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: No, I don't. I know
14 the area well.

15 MS. MILLER: Oh, I don't. Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: It's a commercial
17 area.

18 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Right.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: There is a lot of
20 activity at the area.

21 MS. MILLER: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So, just -- if you're

1 familiar with the area, then you'll allow -- and
2 I'm just saying if you're just familiar with the
3 area, you'll understand, unfortunately.

4 MS. MILLER: Well, my question
5 (Inaudible) if there is anything you know, near
6 your club that you have concerns about safety
7 (Inaudible portion) in and out of the club.

8 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Oh, no, because
9 that's my main concern, making sure that my
10 customers are safe.

11 MS. MILLER: Mm-hmm.

12 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: And I mean, me and
13 my dad get into battles all of the time, because
14 I always hire over the amount of security that he
15 wants, even though I know it costs him. I have
16 to make sure that everybody is safe.

17 MS. MILLER: Okay, thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: No other questions?

19 Ms. Cuthbert, you're here. Is there
20 anything that you want to add, since you're here?

21 MS. CUTHBERT: Well, I'm the commissioner
22 for that area, and I do patronize this restaurant

1 quite frequently. The ANC is located over at the
2 (Inaudible) registration center.

3 So, about three times a week, I get off
4 the bus in front of the -- and we stop and pick
5 up food, so we eat there. But I'm also president
6 of the 7th District Citizens Advisory Council, so
7 that also -- I tend to walk the area quite
8 frequently.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right, thank you.
10 Do you have any other thing you want to
11 add?

12 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: No, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right, all right.
14 Thank you very much --

15 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: You're welcome.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- for your
17 presentation, and what you provide the board with
18 is helpful, and I hope that with the new security
19 plan, I hope that we can bring some change to the
20 area, and I hope that you don't have to come back
21 in again for another fact-finding hearing. Okay?
22 All right.

1 Thank you very much.

2 MS. THOMPSON: Thank you.

3 MS. THOMPSON-HINES: Thank you.

4 (Discussion off the record)

5 [Whereupon, at 3:02 p.m. the

6 above-entitled matter concluded.]

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