

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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House of Secrets :

507 T Street, NW : Fact Finding

Retailer G - Temporary License: Hearing

License No. 91636 :

Case No. 13-251-00055 :

ANC 1B :

Assault with a Deadly Weapon :

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APRIL 17, 2013

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson, presiding.

PRESENT

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson

NICK ALBERTI, Member

DONALD BROOKS, Member

MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT

ABYIE GHENENE, ABRA

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9:50 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Next case on our calendar is a fact finding hearing. It's Case No. 13-251-00055, House of Secrets located at 507 T Street, N.W., License No. 91636 in ANC 1B.

Okay. When you're ready could you identify yourselves for the record, please, those of you who are at the table?

INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Good morning. Investigator Abyie Ghenene with ABRA.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MR. PRICE: My name is Branville Price. I'm the --

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I'm sorry, I can't hear. Is your mic on? Yes, your mic is on. Can you speak up just a little bit?

MR. PRICE: Yes, my name is Branville Price. I'm the party at the house that night.

1 MEMBER BROOKS: Still can't hear  
2 you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: One second.  
4 Okay. I'm sorry.

5 MR. PRICE: Try again?

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. I want  
7 to definitely get your name, yes.

8 MR. PRICE: Sure. My name is  
9 Branville Price.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Price? Okay.

11 MR. PRICE: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And you are?

13 MR. PRICE: Yes, I'm the person  
14 that had the party at the --

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You had the  
16 party where the incident occurred? Okay.

17 MR. WOODSON: My name is Ralph  
18 Woodson.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

20 MR. WOODSON: And I'm the owner of  
21 the house.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're the

1 owner? All right. And someone is here from  
2 MPD? You're just gathering? You're not  
3 testifying? Okay. Somebody else here who is  
4 -- do you want to come take a seat at --  
5 there's a spot at this table --

6 MR. MORGAN: Right here?

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- if you're  
8 going to testify. Sure.

9 MR. MORGAN: I'm the ANC  
10 commissioner for 1B-01.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. What's  
12 your name?

13 MR. MORGAN: Marc Morgan.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Morgan.

15 MR. MORGAN: Marc Morgan.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Marc Morgan?  
17 Okay. All right. So we've called you here  
18 for a fact finding hearing because there was  
19 an assault that occurred as it related to the  
20 last party. And we understand that there have  
21 been a lot of parties at this location and  
22 we've -- the Agency has actually granted a lot

1 of temporary licenses, and we want to gather  
2 more information about actually what's going  
3 on.

4 Maybe we can start with you, Mr.  
5 Ghenene.

6 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Sure.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

8 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Thank you.

9 You want just a summary of what happened?

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Sure.

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And then if  
13 you want to go anywhere else after that, yes.  
14 All right.

15 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Okay.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

18 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: This  
19 investigation was initiated as a result of a  
20 telephone call made to the ABRA hotline on  
21 early Sunday, March 31st, 2013. At  
22 approximately 3:45 a.m. I responded to 507 T

1 Street with reports of a stabbing incident.

2 When I arrived I met with several  
3 different officers, but none were the ones  
4 that were actually the reporting officers.  
5 They were the ones that were kind of  
6 containing the crime scene. Eventually I got  
7 with Officer Day, and Officer Day presented me  
8 with the one-day temporary license for the  
9 establishment.

10 507 T Street is a residential  
11 neighborhood and the actual -- I'm sorry, T  
12 Street is actually a residential neighborhood.  
13 507 T Street is an adjoined house on that  
14 block.

15 When I arrived I noticed that  
16 there were several blood trails throughout T  
17 Street, sometimes pooling. So there was a  
18 significant amount of blood on the street.  
19 And Officer Day advised me that the reporting  
20 officer, Officer Weber, she had actually  
21 transported a suspect in that stabbing  
22 incident. And after, she was kind of -- she

1 was detained during that time.

2           Officer Day and I entered 507 T  
3 Street and immediately met with Mr. Woodson,  
4 who identified himself as the owner of the  
5 establishment. Mr. Woodson said that he was  
6 not the one hosting the event and that he had  
7 no financial interest in the event whatsoever.  
8 I asked Mr. Woodson if the Licensee, Mr.  
9 Price, Branville Price; and I'm reading the  
10 temporary license at this point, was on  
11 premise and he said that he was not. I asked  
12 Mr. Woodson if Mr. Price was ever on the  
13 premises that day and he said he was not. I  
14 then asked Mr. Woodson who was in charge of  
15 the event that night and he said that Ms.  
16 Kiona Rice was. Ms. Kiona Rice was on site  
17 and I spoke to her and gathered some more  
18 information.

19           When I entered 507 T Street, I  
20 immediately noticed that it wasn't -- I guess  
21 it didn't appear to be a house per se, like  
22 somebody -- a residence where people lived.

1 It was very much set up for an event and it  
2 wasn't temporary things that changed. There  
3 were very permanent things in there. For  
4 instance, the largest room on the main floor  
5 there was a permanent large bar, probably  
6 around the size of the Board's podium, I  
7 guess. But there was also a fixed DJ booth as  
8 well. And I took some pictures of that. It's  
9 in my report. Also the kitchen area has a  
10 permanent bar area and a very small stove and  
11 things of that nature.

12 I spoke with Mrs. Rice once I was  
13 inside and asked her a few details about the  
14 event specifically that night and events in  
15 the past. Ms. Rice stated to me that she was  
16 the one who supplied all the alcohol for the  
17 event, that she had some -- the alcohol that  
18 she provided for the event and that was sold  
19 during the event was surplus from events she  
20 had hosted, I believe she said in December, at  
21 the same establishment, or at the same  
22 residence and that she might have bought a



1 couple of bottles of wine to I guess add to  
2 what she brought, but none of it was bought  
3 for this event. It was stuff left over.

4 Ms. Rice also indicated that she  
5 was the primary promoter for the event and  
6 that her company, the Ambiance Group, was  
7 hosting a birthday party and pre-selling  
8 tickets for \$50. She said that she provided  
9 cakes, pastries and other dessert items for  
10 the event. And from what I was gathering from  
11 Ms. Rice, that was kind of one of the themes,  
12 was kind of this kind of dessert, cake,  
13 chocolate, that kind of thing that was part of  
14 I guess the promotion.

15 Ms. Rice stated that -- I asked  
16 Ms. Rice -- Mrs. Rice if Mr. Price had been  
17 there at all during the evening and she stated  
18 that he was not there for the entire night,  
19 but he did come and stay for about  
20 approximately an hour during the event. I  
21 asked Mrs. Rice if there was any ABC managers  
22 outside of -- well, if there were an ABC --

1 was there an ABC manager present. She said  
2 that she didn't know what that was, or she  
3 didn't know.

4 I asked Ms. Rice if she was the  
5 one who contracted the security staff for the  
6 event and she said that she did and that they  
7 came through the Nation of Islam and that she  
8 approximately had -- outside of the security  
9 she had 20 people that worked directly for her  
10 at the 507 T Street ranging from bartenders,  
11 bus boys and waitresses, I think, you know 20  
12 staff members.

13 I asked Ms. Rice how she knew Mr.  
14 Price and she said that they had a business  
15 relationship and they had worked together for  
16 years throwing parties.

17 Ms. Rice also stated that there  
18 were approximately 150 patrons that attended  
19 the event that evening and that she was  
20 unaware of any incidents that took place  
21 inside the establishment that evening.

22 That night I also spoke to Mr.

1 Woodson. Mr. Woodson indicated -- and he took  
2 me throughout the establishment and I saw, I  
3 would say, what I believed to be about 85 to  
4 90 percent of the rooms inside the  
5 establishment and none of them had beds in  
6 them or, you know, stuff that I would consider  
7 to be inside a traditional bedroom. They all  
8 had sofas, a lounge-type atmosphere, something  
9 that would promote a lounge-type atmosphere.  
10 They had colored strings of lights and things  
11 of that nature, not overhead lights. It was  
12 definitely a lounge-type atmosphere, all the  
13 rooms that I saw.

14 Mr. Woodson had told me that he  
15 had been throwing parties for over 50 years at  
16 his residence and that again he never received  
17 any kind of financial compensation for letting  
18 people use his house and that he just wanted  
19 to help people, is what he told me.

20 I interviewed MPD Officer Weber,  
21 who was the reporting officer for the  
22 incident. Officer Weber indicated that a

1       dispute had begun inside the establishment  
2       between a man and a -- two men regarding the  
3       other men, one of the -- I guess it would be  
4       victims. At the time she indicated that he  
5       might have grabbed his wife inappropriately  
6       and the guy invited him outside to settle  
7       their differences. Once outside, the suspect  
8       found that the victim had brought his friend  
9       with him and a fight ensued at that point.  
10      And during that fight the victim was -- I'm  
11      sorry, the suspect pulled out a knife and cut  
12      both of the victims. So that's how the  
13      stabbing occurred, according to Officer Weber,  
14      the day of the incident.

15                    On Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013, I  
16      spoke with Mr. Price, and I used the telephone  
17      number listed in the application. Mr. Price  
18      indicated that on Saturday, March 30th he  
19      hosted a regular party at 507 T Street, N.W.  
20      I'm going to read this part directly because  
21      I want to make sure it's accurate, if you  
22      don't mind.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

2 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Mr. Price  
3 stated that he and Mr. Woodson are old friends  
4 and that Mr. Woodson allows him to host  
5 parties at his home on occasion for no cost.  
6 Mr. Price stated that there were no promoters  
7 for the event and that he was present the  
8 entire night. Mr. Price stated that  
9 approximately 80 to 100 people attended the  
10 event and that it was a private party.

11 At the end of the conversation  
12 Investigator Ghenene asked Mr. Price who Kiona  
13 Rice was to him. Mr. Price stated that he did  
14 not know who she was. Investigator Ghenene  
15 explained to Mr. Price that she was at 507 T  
16 Street while Investigator Ghenene was present  
17 and claimed to be the only host of the event  
18 that evening. Mr. Price quickly changed his  
19 response and stated that he knows her as Kim  
20 and that she was his partner for the event.  
21 Mr. Price stated that he left the premises  
22 around 3:00 a.m. and did not witness any

1 incidents.

2 Mr. Price stated that he provided  
3 the following for the event: All alcoholic  
4 beverages, which he purchased from Schneider's  
5 of Capitol Hill; four security guards who are  
6 individually contracted; food items including  
7 chips and candy; and a DJ and three-piece  
8 band.

9 On Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013, I  
10 reviewed the ABRA one-day -- Licensee filed  
11 for one-day licenses issued to -- for the one-  
12 day license issued to Mr. Price and found the  
13 following: The hours of the event were to be  
14 from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.; he has had  
15 several events in D.C. before; he will be the  
16 event manager; there will be between 60 and 80  
17 patrons; tickets will be sold at the door for  
18 \$30; two security guards will be hired and  
19 their names are Michael Adams and Cliff Barr;  
20 the nature of the event would be a first  
21 annual spring affair and that there would be  
22 one DJ and a three-piece band; snacks

1 including chips and pretzels would be  
2 provided; and all the alcohol -- he plans to  
3 purchase the alcoholic beverages from  
4 Schneider's of Capitol Hill. So that's what  
5 was actually on the application.

6 I continued to review ABRA files  
7 and other sources of information and found  
8 that there was a press release issued by ABRA  
9 in April of 2004 indicating that Mr. Woodson  
10 was hosting events at his home where underage  
11 drinking, gambling, drug use and sexual  
12 conduct were allowed. It was also concluded  
13 that Mr. Woodson was in possession of  
14 marijuana with the intent to distribute and  
15 selling alcoholic beverages to minors. ABRA  
16 also determined that Mr. Woodson did not  
17 receive any type of ABC license for the events  
18 he hosted.

19 I also reviewed the ABRA files for  
20 temporary licensing, and I sorted it two ways.  
21 I reviewed it for all the one-day licenses  
22 that Mr. Price has applied for since 2009 and

1 it indicated that he had six -- seven licenses  
2 issued to him between 2009 and the present.  
3 And that's for that one location, 507 T  
4 Street. Additionally, there was approximately  
5 12 licenses since 2009 issued to 507 T Street  
6 for one-day temporary licenses. And that's  
7 also in a graph in my report.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What's the  
9 difference between the 12 and the 7? What did  
10 you say?

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I'm sorry.  
12 Mr. Price himself has applied and received  
13 seven different licenses.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

15 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Whereas the  
16 address has had --

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh.

18 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: -- 12  
19 licenses.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Including the  
21 seven?

22 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Ma'am?



1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Inclusive of  
2 the seven?

3 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, ma'am.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank  
5 you.

6 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: And that's  
7 what I've got.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.  
9 Thank you.

10 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: And what is  
11 the time period on that?

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And the time  
13 period is 2009 to '13?

14 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.  
15 Yes, 2009.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I just want  
17 to clarify for those of you who haven't come  
18 to a fact finding hearing before, it's  
19 different from our evidentiary hearings. No  
20 one is put under oath. We don't take  
21 documents into evidence. What we're doing is  
22 just trying to gather facts. And basically

1 we're trying to gather facts with respect to  
2 this case to determine whether the Agency will  
3 issue anymore licenses to this establishment,  
4 this residence, this address because of what  
5 we're hearing. So that's what we'd like you  
6 to address.

7 We're not going to take any action  
8 against any of the individuals today or  
9 anything like that. But there is a record  
10 here. It's possible if we thought there was  
11 some kind of activity we wanted to send to the  
12 OAG, we could. But basically the purpose of  
13 this hearing is to find out what's been going  
14 on there and whether or not anymore licenses  
15 should be issued. Okay. I want to make sure  
16 you understand that.

17 So, Mr. Woodson, I don't know if  
18 you want to go next and address some of Mr.  
19 Ghenene's --

20 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Do we have  
21 any questions?

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You want to

1 ask questions? Why don't we hear --

2 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Do we have  
3 any questions?

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Well, let's  
5 see if Board Members want to hear a little bit  
6 from each of the parties before we ask  
7 questions, or you want to ask a question now?

8 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: I don't care.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.

11 Let me hear what either of you two have to say  
12 about this topic.

13 MR. PRICE: First thing I guess I  
14 would have to say is -- and I'm not sure how  
15 there is miscommunication, what have you, but  
16 I was certainly there all night long. I would  
17 honestly tell you this -- Mr. Woodson's home  
18 is one of my favorites places in the world, so  
19 I actually would say I enjoy being there and  
20 I actually was there. I was there all night.  
21 If I obviously signed up for a license, I know  
22 that I'm responsible for being there and I was

1 absolutely there all night. I don't know why  
2 anyone would say I wasn't there, but I  
3 absolutely was there. I think I probably left  
4 about 3:30 in the morning. And I can tell you  
5 the thing that I remember seeing when I left  
6 was there was -- of course there was police in  
7 the street and there was somebody doing --  
8 pushing one of those things. I guess they  
9 were lining the street. But I was absolutely  
10 there all night long.

11 I would also say that there was  
12 absolutely no issue in the house. There was  
13 no fighting, nothing, and we never had an  
14 issue with any event that I'd ever had, so I  
15 don't -- I'm a little taken back and I'm  
16 certainly disappointed just in the fact that  
17 there was this commotion, this horrible thing  
18 that happened. I don't understand the fight  
19 and certainly like to this point where there  
20 was -- someone was maimed and hurt. So I  
21 think this is -- as I say, I'm very  
22 disappointed and I'm certainly aware as well

1 that I obviously have to be very much more  
2 careful about who I would invite to any party  
3 or event that I would have myself.

4 That's, you know, really all that  
5 I would have to say is again, you know, just  
6 in my defense I was absolutely there all  
7 night. I got there probably around 9:30 or  
8 10:00 and I left -- the party was over at  
9 3:00. I stayed and cleaned up, so I probably  
10 was there for about at least another -- I'm  
11 going to say probably about an hour. So  
12 anywhere from 3:00 to 3:30 when I left the  
13 house. So that's what I would have to say.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.  
15 Woodson, do you have anything to add right now  
16 before we have Board questions?

17 MR. WOODSON: I don't have  
18 anything to say about it.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And, Mr.  
20 Morgan, do you have anything you want to say  
21 right now before we do questions?

22 MR. MORGAN: Just briefly. I'm

1 the ANC commissioner for 1B-01, which  
2 encompasses Ledroit Park where this resident  
3 is located. An number of residents reached  
4 out to me after the incident that occurred on  
5 March 31st regarding concerns of noise,  
6 parking, public safety regarding this  
7 residence. Many of those residents have  
8 actually sent letters to this Board as well in  
9 protest.

10 It is the position of the 1B  
11 Commission that we protest any application  
12 from 507 T Street from now and into the future  
13 for reasons of public safety, noise and  
14 parking. There will be an official letter of  
15 protest drafted by the full Commission that  
16 will be sent to this Board in recognition of  
17 that as well.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank  
19 you.

20 All right. Board questions? Mr.  
21 Brooks?

22 MEMBER BROOKS: Yes.

1 Investigator, did you see any food while you  
2 were there?

3 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

4 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. No chips,  
5 no pretzels, no sandwiches or anything like  
6 that?

7 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

8 MEMBER BROOKS: Nothing at all?

9 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

10 MEMBER BROOKS: But you did  
11 observe alcohol?

12 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

13 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. Were there  
14 any patrons there while you were there?

15 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: It was  
16 clear that the event was over. There were  
17 probably I'd say like four to five people who  
18 did not look like they were working, but I  
19 didn't verify whether or not they were  
20 patrons.

21 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. And this is  
22 a town house?

1 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

2 MEMBER BROOKS: And did you have  
3 opportunity to walk throughout the home?

4 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

5 MEMBER BROOKS: So how many levels  
6 are we talking about?

7 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Three  
8 levels.

9 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay.

10 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: From what I  
11 saw, three levels.

12 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. And they  
13 were furnished as a home with beds and couches  
14 and things like that, or just --

15 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Just  
16 couches, pillows on the ground for like --  
17 kind of promoting like a loungey-type  
18 atmosphere.

19 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. And what  
20 time was this while you were there?

21 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I arrived  
22 on the scene at approximately 3:45 a.m., and



1 I left somewhere around 4:30 a.m.

2 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. And you  
3 interviewed Ms. Rice? Is that her name?

4 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

5 MEMBER BROOKS: And was she  
6 cooperative?

7 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Very  
8 cooperative.

9 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. All right.  
10 Thank you, Madam Chair. I do have some other  
11 questions for the other people at the table,  
12 so I can wait until my turn again.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All  
14 right. Mr. Alberti, you ask something?

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes, but before I  
16 continue, I just thought maybe I'd like to  
17 give Mr. Price or Mr. Woodson a chance to ask  
18 Mr. Ghenene any questions that they might  
19 have. I mean you heard the report that Mr.  
20 Ghenene gave. So I'd like to give them an  
21 opportunity to ask any questions of the  
22 investigator, if they'd like. Is that okay

1 with you?

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That's all  
3 right. We'll be able to do that.

4 MR. PRICE: I mean I don't have  
5 any questions.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Very good.  
7 Investigator Ghenene, thank you for your  
8 report.

9 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Let's start with  
11 the easy stuff. Your chart of one-day  
12 licenses for this establishment indicates that  
13 there were -- if I have this right, I count  
14 seven one-day licenses issued to this address  
15 since November 23rd, 2012. Is that correct?

16 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. And six of  
18 those were issued to Mr. Price, is that  
19 correct?

20 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Did you  
22 see the police report for this?

1 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: It's not in your  
3 report, right? Is the police report in your  
4 report, or did I miss it?

5 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir,  
6 it's the Exhibit 1.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, Exhibit 1?  
8 Okay. Is there a time for the event that  
9 happened? Do we know what time this --

10 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I don't  
11 have my exhibits with me.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Someone help me  
13 out here. Oh, I see. Date and time found  
14 incident report. Would this be -- yes,  
15 agency, MPD. Okay. So the date and time of  
16 the report was 2:50. That's what it says in  
17 your report, I believe.

18 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: The date  
19 and time --

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: Was 2:50 on the  
21 morning of March 31st.

22 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

1                   MEMBER ALBERTI:   Okay.  That's  
2                   when this report was made, right?

3                   INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:  Yes, sir.

4                   MEMBER ALBERTI:  You're familiar  
5                   with the police reports, right?

6                   INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:  Yes, sir.

7                   MEMBER ALBERTI:  Is it typical  
8                   that the time of the report would be later  
9                   than the time of the incident?  I mean --

10                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:  The time  
11                  reported?

12                  MEMBER ALBERTI:  Yes, because this  
13                  time of the report, would this be the time  
14                  that they got the call?

15                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:  No, I don't  
16                  know, sir.

17                  MEMBER ALBERTI:  All right.

18                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:  I know that  
19                  the times are generally pretty accurate as far  
20                  as the time found.  Reported might be --

21                  MEMBER ALBERTI:  Oh, the time  
22                  found would be the time that they got the

1 call?

2 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I think  
3 time -- I don't know, sir. I don't want to  
4 speculate.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. But  
6 we know this is at least as late as -- can I  
7 ask the officer? We have an officer here.  
8 Can you answer that question, if I may?

9 OFFICER: (Off microphone.)

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Wait a  
11 second. It's not on the record.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So the --

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So he would  
14 have to come to speak into the microphone if  
15 we want it on the record.

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, so but just  
17 let me ask. When it says date/time found,  
18 would that be the time that the call came in?

19 OFFICER: That's the actual time  
20 the incident had occurred.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Great.  
22 Thank you. All right. So I'll just for the

1 record the officer in the audience has told me  
2 that the time found on the incident report  
3 usually reflects the time of the incident as  
4 they know it. All right. Thank you.

5 All right. The interior of the  
6 house, three levels?

7 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: From what I  
8 saw, yes.

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: Did you see all  
10 three levels? Did you have a chance to go  
11 into all three levels?

12 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Did  
14 you see every room?

15 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: To be  
16 honest with you, I have no idea.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

18 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: The house  
19 was that -- there's that many rooms in the  
20 house that there could have easily have been  
21 rooms that I did not see.

22 MEMBER ALBERTI: Do you know how

1 many -- let's say the second floor. Usually  
2 that's where the bedrooms are.

3 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: Were there like  
5 separate rooms on the second floor that could  
6 be bedrooms?

7 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe  
8 on the second floor I went into all of the  
9 rooms on the second floor.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: And did you find  
11 any beds?

12 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. And  
14 on the third floor?

15 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe I  
16 went into all of the rooms and I did not see  
17 any beds.

18 MEMBER ALBERTI: And you found no  
19 beds on the first floor, right?

20 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Did  
22 you see anything like dining room equipment?

1 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Kitchen table?

3 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: A breakfast bar  
5 sort of thing, a counter where people would be  
6 eating?

7 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: There was a  
8 bar in the --

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: No, but I mean  
10 like a breakfast bar.

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Oh.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Like, you know, a  
13 service bar where people would be eating.

14 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. I know you  
16 said there was a bar, and I took that to mean  
17 the kind of bar we'd see in an alcoholic  
18 beverage licensed establishment.

19 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: Or in a tavern.

21 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: There was a  
22 pinball machine in the kitchen, too.



1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, okay. And  
2 old one with a pole or --

3 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: Cool. Okay. Now  
5 you interviewed Ms. Rice?

6 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. And  
8 Ms. Rice said that she promoted this event?

9 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe  
10 Ms. Rice stated that she was the host of the  
11 event.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

13 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: And Mr.  
14 Woodson indicated that she was the one that  
15 was in charge.

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Did she  
17 seem knowledgeable about what was going on?  
18 How would you rate her level of knowledge of  
19 the events that event? Not the violence, but  
20 just the party itself.

21 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: There was  
22 no question in my head that she was the one in

1 charge that night.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. And if I  
3 understood you correctly, she said that there  
4 was a cover charge of \$50 admittance?

5 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Did she  
7 indicate how this thing was advertised?

8 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: She did  
9 not. She just said through social -- I mean,  
10 she did. She said through social media,  
11 things of that nature. And I attached a flyer  
12 that I found.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Flyer for this  
14 event?

15 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: And that would  
17 be --

18 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Exhibit 16.

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Do we have  
20 those exhibits? Do I have a report with  
21 those? Just one moment. I don't think I have  
22 a complete report. Do we happen to have any

1 of those exhibits, like Exhibit 16? I could  
2 just take a look at it. You don't need --  
3 it's not there? Okay.

4 All right. Well, it's in our  
5 record. I don't have it available right now,  
6 but I'll rely on looking -- it's on our  
7 administrative record.

8 Okay. All right. Did I ask this,  
9 she said there was a cover charge of \$50? Is  
10 that correct?

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.  
12 Ms. Rice stated that tickets were pre-sold for  
13 \$50, but they were also accepting money at the  
14 door.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, they were  
16 pre-sold for \$50? Well, that's interesting.  
17 And how many police officer did she say  
18 attended again? I know you said it before.

19 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:  
20 Approximately 150 patrons.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Now when you  
22 spoke with Mr. Price and he told you that he

1 bought everything, he bought all the supplies,  
2 all the alcohol, he bought the alcohol from  
3 Schneider's on Capitol Hill, did he show you  
4 any receipts for any of these goods --

5 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- especially the  
7 alcohol?

8 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, sir,  
9 but I didn't ask either.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: This was a  
12 telephone conversation.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, okay. All  
14 right.

15 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I spoke to  
16 Mrs. Rice on the premises.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes.

18 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: She was  
19 there. Mr. Price was not.

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: And you showed up  
21 at what time?

22 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:

1       Approximately 3:45 a.m.

2                   MEMBER ALBERTI:    Okay.

3                   INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:   But I did  
4       speak to Mr.   I'm sorry, Mrs. Rice was on  
5       premise.   Mr. Price I spoke to two days later.

6                   MEMBER ALBERTI:    Okay.   And Ms.  
7       Rice said that Mr. Price hadn't been there  
8       that evening?

9                   INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:   Initially  
10      Ms. Rice said that he was not there.

11                  MEMBER ALBERTI:    That evening?

12                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:   That  
13      evening.

14                  MEMBER ALBERTI:    When you spoke to  
15      her that evening?

16                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:   But when I  
17      had spoke to her two days later, she said that  
18      he stopped by for about an hour.

19                  MEMBER ALBERTI:    He stopped by for  
20      about an hour.   Did she say when that was?

21                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:   She said  
22      she couldn't remember exactly.   She said it

1 wasn't at the beginning and it wasn't at the  
2 end.

3 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Do you  
4 know what time this event started?

5 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: According  
6 to license it said 9:00.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

8 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe  
9 that the flyer -- I'm sorry, according to the  
10 license it said 10:00, but I believe the flyer  
11 -- I think the flyer said 10:00 as well.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. And the  
13 license is 10:00 until 3:00? Okay. I don't  
14 have any other questions right now. Thank  
15 you, Investigator Ghenene.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I'll  
17 guess I'll just do a couple then, Mr.  
18 Silverstein.

19 Mr. Ghenene, you said that there's  
20 a history of using this address for parties  
21 for temporary liquor licenses. Is there any  
22 history of problems or disturbances such as

1 this most recent one?

2 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I wouldn't  
3 have the most accurate information regarding  
4 that. Maybe MPD might be able to shed a  
5 little bit more light on that.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: How about Mr.  
7 Morgan?

8 MR. MORGAN: There have been,  
9 according to our neighborhood records,  
10 complaints. And MPD can verify this. Over  
11 the past five years there have been multiple  
12 complaints regarding this residence.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And these  
14 complaints, have they been to the ANC or MPD,  
15 ABRA, everybody, or what?

16 MR. MORGAN: I believe they have  
17 been presented to MPD. I'm not sure if  
18 they've made it to the ANC or ABRA.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. How  
20 long have you been on the ANC?

21 MR. MORGAN: I'm newly elected,  
22 since January.

1                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, you're  
2 newly elected? Okay. So you don't know off  
3 hand whether there have been any other  
4 resolutions or anything like that?

5                   MR. MORGAN: Not other than --

6                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So,  
7 but of recent have there been complaints  
8 regarding any other parties other than this  
9 most recent one where the assault occurred?

10                  MR. MORGAN: This was the only  
11 complaint other than there was a posting on a  
12 Web site about a party that was coming up on  
13 April 20th, I believe. And there were a lot  
14 of complaints around that one.

15                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

16                  MR. MORGAN: A future party.

17                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And what kind  
18 of complaints did you get about this last  
19 event?

20                  MR. MORGAN: The residents that  
21 live directly behind reached out to me the day  
22 after the party to complain about the noise,



1       which went on, according to them, until about  
2       3:00 in the morning.  Another resident reached  
3       out about the stabbing, which was also I guess  
4       via the news that came out.  Another resident  
5       reached out regarding parking and public  
6       safety within the neighborhood and that this  
7       has been an ongoing concern.  The adjoining --  
8       I'm sorry, two houses over, the adjoining  
9       neighbor, also reached out in concern of, you  
10      know, that this has been ongoing, that this is  
11      a residential community, a residential  
12      neighborhood and they're using it as a pseudo  
13      club, so to speak.  So that caused a lot of  
14      commotion and chaos within the neighborhood.

15                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  Okay.  Great.

16      All right.  Mr. Silverstein, do you have  
17      questions?

18                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN:  Mr. Morgan,  
19      is there any indication anybody actually lives  
20      here?

21                   MR. MORGAN:  I walk past this  
22      residence on a daily basis.  I know that the

1 lawn has always been well maintained and  
2 groomed. I can tell you that I have knocked  
3 on the door several times for neighborhoods  
4 things, you know, dropping flyers or what not.  
5 I've never gotten a response from anyone who  
6 lives there. A couple of times I've noticed  
7 we would leave literature on the door for  
8 upcoming events and three or four days later  
9 we would walk by and it would still be hanging  
10 in the door. I can attest that I know  
11 probably 85 percent of the people that live in  
12 that neighborhood and I've never met anyone  
13 who lives at 507 T Street.

14 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: This  
15 neighborhood is exclusively residential, that  
16 block?

17 MR. MORGAN: Yes, absolutely  
18 exclusively residential.

19 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: And it is  
20 zoned --

21 MR. MORGAN: It's zoned  
22 residential as well.

1                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN:  --

2                   residential?  No business?

3                   MR. MORGAN:  No businesses at all  
4                   on that 500 block of T Street.

5                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN:  Mr. Woodson,  
6                   does anybody live there?

7                   MR. WOODSON:  I live there.  I've  
8                   been living there for years.

9                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN:  Where do you  
10                  sleep?

11                  MR. WOODSON:  I sleep on the  
12                  second floor.  I have a bedroom there on the  
13                  second floor.

14                  MEMBER SILVERSTEIN:  Mr. Ghenene,  
15                  did you see a bedroom?

16                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:  No, sir.

17                  MR. WOODSON:  He didn't see that  
18                  room.  That room stays locked.  Nobody can get  
19                  in there.  We don't have anybody going in  
20                  there during the parties.

21                  MEMBER SILVERSTEIN:  Why do you  
22                  throw these parties, Mr. Woodson?

1 MR. WOODSON: Why do I what?

2 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Why do you  
3 host these parties in your home?

4 MR. WOODSON: Well, it's something  
5 to do. You know, we've had the parties there  
6 for years because there's been no place to  
7 really go in this city, you know, for our age  
8 group. So we've always had private parties  
9 there.

10 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Your age  
11 group? This was a senior citizen party?

12 MR. WOODSON: Yes, the age group  
13 varies from like 20 -- 22 to 65 or 70,  
14 whatever.

15 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Does this  
16 help pay the rent, pay the mortgage?

17 MR. WOODSON: Yes, well, it's not  
18 to help pay that. That's always paid and  
19 everything. But it's just something that we  
20 do because it's a place for a social outlet.

21 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Does it help  
22 you provide --

1 MR. WOODSON: It's dangerous going  
2 out in the street a lot of these places that  
3 are open nowadays.

4 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I'm sorry?

5 MR. WOODSON: It's dangerous going  
6 to a lot of places nowadays.

7 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Yes, sounds  
8 that way.

9 MR. WOODSON: So we usually get a  
10 security there when we have a party to protect  
11 the people that are there and make sure there  
12 are no incidents going on inside the building.

13 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: You're on  
14 Social Security, I take it --

15 MR. WOODSON: Yes, I'm on Social  
16 Security.

17 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: -- like me.  
18 And this helps with the income and helps you  
19 to keep the house up and all that?

20 MR. WOODSON: Yes, and keep the  
21 place straight, make sure everything is in  
22 order there.

1                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: So how much  
2 you make out of these things?

3                   MR. WOODSON: We don't make  
4 anything off it. We usually let the people  
5 have a party.

6                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I'm sorry?

7                   MR. WOODSON: We let people have  
8 parties to help them out or whatever. We  
9 don't get involved with the financial rate.

10                  MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: They don't  
11 help you to --

12                  MR. WOODSON: Well, they help  
13 clean up the place. And if anything's broken,  
14 they replace it.

15                  MR. PRICE: That's, you know, sort  
16 of the rule of the house. Like you know,  
17 essentially I met Ralph years ago and he  
18 allowed me to have a party. And I'll be  
19 honest, I happen to have a lot of, you know,  
20 very beautiful female friends who come. And  
21 you know, he absolutely loves that, so he's  
22 always been nice to let me have parties there.

1 And essentially what I do is make sure, you  
2 know, we clean everything up nicely. And of  
3 course, as he said, we'll pay for anything  
4 that ever gets, you know, broken or what have  
5 you, pay for that sort of thing. But he  
6 doesn't charge me a fee to have parties. He  
7 has a great time.

8 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I mean he  
9 doesn't look like a rich guy. I'm sure, you  
10 know, that night you pulled in at least  
11 \$7,500.

12 MR. WOODSON: Well, I don't know  
13 what they pulled in because we don't have  
14 anything to do with whatever he pulls in.

15 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: What did you  
16 pull in, Mr. Price?

17 MR. PRICE: There was probably  
18 several thousand dollars made, but you know,  
19 after paying everybody out, you know, probably  
20 I think I made about \$700-\$800.

21 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: For 150  
22 people at \$50 a pop you made \$700 or \$800?

1                   MR. PRICE: Security. You got to  
2 pay for the, you know, bartenders. DJs. We  
3 had a very nice band.

4                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

5                   MR. PRICE: So, you know, I do  
6 these parties, one, because it's a great time,  
7 and also to sort of build up my mailing list  
8 of people so I can, you know, have more  
9 events.

10                  MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: And you never  
11 helped Mr. Woodson with the upkeep of the  
12 house, rent -- or not rent, because he owns  
13 it. The mortgage or things like that. He's  
14 just a very generous and giving man, huh?

15                  MR. PRICE: I would say -- well,  
16 not much -- not that we're, you know, costing  
17 him for anything but electricity for a night.  
18 But I don't know what monetary, you know,  
19 things would be taken away from that. But,  
20 yes, but we've always -- like he's just always  
21 been -- enjoyed my events, so he let's me have  
22 parties.



1                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you,  
2                   Mr. Price. No further questions.

3                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Woodson,  
4                   do you attend the parties as well?

5                   MR. WOODSON: Yes, I usually  
6                   attend the parties. I mean I don't  
7                   participate in a lot of them, but I do sit  
8                   there in case something goes wrong, needs to  
9                   be fixed that particular night or anything.

10                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you have  
11                  another home, or this is your only home?

12                  MR. WOODSON: No, that's my only  
13                  place there.

14                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And you don't  
15                  get any money from the proceeds to the party?

16                  MR. WOODSON: No, those proceeds  
17                  belong to the people that are having the  
18                  party. I don't have any idea what they're  
19                  taking in on each of the parties. I think  
20                  they charge like \$10 on up. This \$50 fee is  
21                  something that they just started within the  
22                  last couple of months.

1                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are you  
2 involved in the planning of the parties?

3                   MR. WOODSON: What?

4                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are you  
5 involved in the planning of the parties?

6                   MR. WOODSON: No.

7                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No? And, Mr.  
8 Price, what is your career? Are you a  
9 promoter, or are you a --

10                  MR. PRICE: No, by day I'm an  
11 optician. I sell eyewear.

12                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And  
13 where does your guest list come from for these  
14 parties?

15                  MR. PRICE: Oh, from like Facebook  
16 and, you know, that sort of thing. I've  
17 collected, you know, names. And I've just  
18 known people for years. You know, I wouldn't  
19 say I'm not a socialite per se, but you know,  
20 I have lots of friends in the city. So I  
21 invite people and I have my friends invite  
22 people and that sort of thing.

1                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  So it's kind  
2                   of a closed party?  It's just people you know  
3                   and people you invite bringing people they  
4                   know?

5                   MR. PRICE:  Exactly.  Generally  
6                   that's the case.  Sometimes we'll do like  
7                   invitations and, you know, but we don't just  
8                   mass -- you know, just invite -- tend not to  
9                   invite random party.  Now, you know, I will  
10                  step back and say like this particular  
11                  incident that we're here all about, I have to  
12                  say honestly I don't even know who the person  
13                  was that was hurt or what have you.  I have no  
14                  idea who this person is.  You know, would like  
15                  to know just to, you know, reach out to them  
16                  and see what their status is.  This way I have  
17                  no idea if, you know, they're hurt.  But also  
18                  I did reach out to my friends and nobody  
19                  seemed to know who the person was either.

20                  So I have a feeling it was just --  
21                  we did have a birthday party that night.  
22                  There was a person that had some -- invited

1 people that had a birthday, do I think that  
2 maybe it was part of their group. But I have  
3 no idea. I really just truthfully don't know  
4 who that person was. And I realize that  
5 oddly, once again, I need to tighten up and  
6 make sure I know everybody who walks through  
7 the door of my events.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: This was a  
9 birthday party?

10 MR. PRICE: Well, it wasn't just a  
11 birthday party. I mean there was someone, you  
12 know, had requested -- they were having a  
13 birthday and wanted to bring some of their  
14 friends. So we were like, yes, sure. Fine.  
15 Invite them. Yes, that's fine, but you know,  
16 as long as sort of somebody knows who, you  
17 know, knows, we figured there would be no  
18 issue. And again I can't say. Like I don't  
19 know who the person was, so I don't know if it  
20 had to do with the birthday party or not. I  
21 have no idea. But truthfully, you know, I  
22 don't know who this person was that was hurt.

1                   And again, you know, I have to say  
2                   it, there was no issue in the house. Again,  
3                   I was there all night long. There was not a  
4                   fight. There was not a tussle. We didn't  
5                   have to have anybody removed. We didn't have  
6                   to call security to deal with anybody. There  
7                   was no issue. None.

8                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Let me ask  
9                   you one other thing: Mr. Ghenene said there  
10                  were like 12 parties, or licensees at least  
11                  for this place from 2009. How many were you  
12                  involved with?

13                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I think  
14                  that he said there were six or seven. I  
15                  mean --

16                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You did --

17                  INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: -- you all  
18                  should have a record. I mean I apply for  
19                  licenses. And I had all those parties and I  
20                  was, you know, at all those events. So  
21                  obviously.

22                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I

1 wanted to just get an idea if this is all you,  
2 you know, on the licenses or if there are  
3 other people also getting licenses for this  
4 place.

5 MR. PRICE: Well, I mean the  
6 licenses that are in my name are ones I  
7 applied for and, you know, I hosted those  
8 events.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

10 MR. PRICE: I want to say there  
11 was six or seven since October or November.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So  
13 this is basically recent for you though, this  
14 year? You don't go back to 2009 having  
15 parties at this place, or do you?

16 MR. PRICE: I had a New Year's  
17 party might have been in 2009.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank  
19 you. Others?

20 MEMBER BROOKS: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, Mr.  
22 Brooks?

1                   MEMBER BROOKS: Yes, thank you,  
2                   Madam Chair.

3                   Mr. Woodson, now you say that you  
4                   do live at 507 T Street, N.W.?

5                   MR. WOODSON: That's correct.

6                   MEMBER BROOKS: Do you have  
7                   homestead exemption?

8                   MR. WOODSON: Yes, I do.

9                   MEMBER BROOKS: You do? Do you  
10                  have a business license?

11                  MR. WOODSON: No.

12                  MEMBER BROOKS: But someone is  
13                  conducting business there?

14                  MR. WOODSON: But what?

15                  MEMBER BROOKS: Someone is  
16                  conducting business by collecting money,  
17                  right, at the door?

18                  MR. WOODSON: Yes, we have the  
19                  license. We have the license. We don't do  
20                  any business without the license.

21                  MEMBER BROOKS: What license are  
22                  you talking about?

1 MR. WOODSON: The license that we  
2 apply for. We pay \$300 every time we get a  
3 license.

4 MEMBER BROOKS: But you don't have  
5 a business license through DCRA?

6 MR. WOODSON: No, we don't have  
7 anything like that.

8 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. Thank you,  
9 Madam Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank  
11 you. Mr. Alberti?

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Hi. Good  
13 morning, Mr. Price. So you said you were  
14 there all night and you were there until 3:00,  
15 is that correct?

16 MR. PRICE: At least.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So you  
18 would have been there when the incident --  
19 well first all, let me say, when you left what  
20 did you see?

21 MR. PRICE: I saw, you know,  
22 policemen in the street. There was, you know,



1 yellow tape. They taped it off around the  
2 front. And there was, you know, some couple  
3 -- I want to say maybe there was three or four  
4 officers in the street and they were just sort  
5 of I guess surveying, you know, what was going  
6 on outside.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: So you were there  
8 when the incident occurred, is that correct?

9 MR. PRICE: I would --

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Presumably, since  
11 if it happened at 12:50, you would have been  
12 there?

13 MR. PRICE: Absolutely.

14 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

15 MR. PRICE: I remember like  
16 because the party was over at 3:00, so I  
17 remember -- as people were leaving I do  
18 remember, you know, looking out. You know,  
19 somebody opened the door and I saw, you know,  
20 there were lots of police lights. So of  
21 course, you know, I had to ask and see, you  
22 know, what was going on, what happened. I

1 think, you know, a bit later somebody told me  
2 there was something that had happened outside.  
3 There was an issue outside.

4 But again, you know, of course my  
5 first thing was that, you know, ask everybody  
6 did I miss anything? Did something happen  
7 inside? And as I say, there was no issue in  
8 the house and we had no issue. There was no  
9 fighting. We didn't have to throw anybody  
10 out. There was none of that. And again, any  
11 events I ever had I've never had to deal with  
12 that. Never had that issue.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Price, I'm  
14 looking at a flyer.

15 Mr. Ghenene, where did you get the  
16 flyer?

17 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe I  
18 got it from Facebook.

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, that was on  
20 Facebook?

21 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe  
22 so.

1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Does that  
3 have an exhibit number, for the record, or no?

4 MR. PRICE: I believe it's 16.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: He says it's  
6 Exhibit 16, but I don't know. It's in the  
7 report and it's a flyer. I will be describing  
8 it.

9 It says in big letters in the  
10 middle March 30th, 10:30 p.m., 507 T Street,  
11 N.W., Washington, D.C. What happens in  
12 Pandora's Box and \$50 in big letters. So this  
13 was \$50, right? Even though on your  
14 application you said it was going to cost --  
15 would be tickets for \$30, you were charging  
16 \$50? When did you know that you'd be charging  
17 \$50?

18 MR. PRICE: Well, that would --  
19 the person that helped me with the party, Kim,  
20 that was her guests, so the intention is I'll  
21 piggyback with people and let like -- you  
22 know, she'll bring people or other people will

1 bring people. So I let them decide how  
2 they're going to, you know, invite their  
3 guests. And they'll get, you know, the  
4 difference plus say, you know --

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, okay. Well,  
6 I'm going to continue with this flyer in a  
7 moment, but let's step back, because you  
8 described Ms. Rice as your partner. What's  
9 that mean?

10 MR. PRICE: I didn't describe as  
11 partner, but I think that --

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: I think you did.  
13 I think either -- to Mr. Ghenene you said she  
14 was your partner and I think said it -- well,  
15 anyway. So, all right. So she's not your  
16 partner? Is she your partner or is she not?  
17 How would you describe Ms. Rice then?

18 MR. PRICE: We're friends and, you  
19 know, and we've had a couple of, you know,  
20 parties together.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So you  
22 essentially let her piggyback on your license?

1 MR. PRICE: Yes.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Let's  
3 get back to the flyer. It's an interesting  
4 flyer. Did you post this flyer? Do you know  
5 anything about this flyer?

6 MR. PRICE: I did not post it, no.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: And you know  
8 nothing about this flyer?

9 MR. PRICE: No.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Well,  
11 I find it pretty interesting. It says at the  
12 top, it says Grey Goose, Cherry something  
13 Noir. I'm not sure what that means. But it  
14 says Grey Goose, so I assume that's the vodka  
15 company. Looks like their logo, their kind of  
16 -- their lettering. Yes, Grey Goose, Cherry  
17 Noir it says. And then on the other side it  
18 says D'Usse, D, apostrophe, U-S-S-E. Can  
19 someone out there tell me -- is that an  
20 alcohol beverage company? Does anyone know?  
21 Does anyone know? Do you know, Mr. Price?

22 MR. PRICE: Don't know.

1                   MEMBER ALBERTI: D'Usse. D,  
2                   apostrophe, U-S-S-E.

3                   MR. PRICE: D'Usse. That's  
4                   another liquor.

5                   MEMBER ALBERTI: It's another  
6                   liquor, D'Usse?

7                   MR. PRICE: Yes.

8                   MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Well,  
9                   that's big letters at the top. So it appears  
10                  -- I mean one would assume based on common  
11                  practice that when you have Grey Goose and  
12                  D'Usse at the top that those companies are  
13                  somehow sponsoring this event. Do you know  
14                  anything about that, Mr. Price?

15                  MR. PRICE: I don't, no.

16                  MEMBER ALBERTI: You don't  
17                  anything about that? Okay. And this is not  
18                  your flyer?

19                  MR. PRICE: It's not my flyer, no.

20                  MEMBER ALBERTI: Someone  
21                  piggybacked on your event for this, right?

22                  MR. PRICE: Yes.

1                   MEMBER ALBERTI: It says this is  
2 hosted by Pandora's Box. Do you know who --

3                   MR. PRICE: The only person I'm --  
4 you know, again that was probably Kim's flyer  
5 and truthfully I only know Kim by her first  
6 name. I just know her as Kim. I don't  
7 know --

8                   MEMBER ALBERTI: So you only know  
9 her by her first name and you let her sort of  
10 get really involved in this event, is that  
11 correct?

12                  MR. PRICE: Well, I mean --

13                  MEMBER ALBERTI: I mean she was  
14 pretty intimately involved, and she's telling  
15 Mr. Ghenene that she's in charge, she's there  
16 when he gets there.

17                  MR. PRICE: Yes, these are just  
18 small parties. They're not, you know, huge  
19 events.

20                  MEMBER ALBERTI: How many people  
21 were there that night, Mr. Price?

22                  MR. PRICE: My guesstimation,

1 probably 80 to 100 people.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: That's a small  
3 party? Okay. All right.

4 MR. PRICE: Well, I guess in my  
5 mind I see it as small.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. So 80  
7 to 100 that night? Well, that's a lot more  
8 than you expected. You said 60 to 80 on your  
9 application, is that correct?

10 MR. PRICE: Yes. Yes, yes.

11 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Okay.  
12 Mr. Woodson, this is your primary residence,  
13 is that correct?

14 MR. WOODSON: Yes, primary.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Woodson, do  
16 you drive?

17 MR. WOODSON: Yes.

18 MEMBER ALBERTI: Do you have a  
19 driver's license?

20 MR. WOODSON: Yes.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Do you have it  
22 with you?



1 MR. WOODSON: Yes.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: May I see it?

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Why are you  
4 asking for it?

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: Isn't it obvious?

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's going to  
7 tell you his age. All right.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: I don't care  
9 about his age. I could care about his age.  
10 I care about where he lives.

11 Okay. I just wanted to make sure  
12 that that's -- we had our address verified.  
13 Thank you. So it does say 507 T Street.  
14 Okay. Thank you.

15 So it's your contention that you  
16 that you did not benefit financially from the  
17 party that night?

18 MR. WOODSON: That's true.

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: And you haven't  
20 benefitted financially from other parties?

21 MR. WOODSON: The people, if they  
22 have -- sometimes if they want to just make a

1 contribution to me, it's okay.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Contribution?

3 What's that mean?

4 MR. WOODSON: You know, money to  
5 repair the places or whatever need to be fixed  
6 that are broken and make sure everything is in  
7 order when the party's over.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Do you  
9 know Ms. Rice?

10 MR. WOODSON: I've only met Ms.  
11 Rice within the last three months. I didn't  
12 know her previously.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So you met  
14 her in the last three months? And how do you  
15 know her?

16 MR. WOODSON: Huh?

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: How do you know  
18 her?

19 MR. WOODSON: I just met her when  
20 she came by with the group to have the party.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: And when was the  
22 first time came by with a group to have a

1 party?

2 MR. WOODSON: Right.

3 MEMBER ALBERTI: Pardon?

4 MR. WOODSON: I just met her when  
5 she came in to have a party with the people  
6 that were supposed to be giving the party with  
7 Mr. Price.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: And when was  
9 that?

10 MR. WOODSON: About three months  
11 ago.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: So this was a  
13 different party that she was involved with?

14 MR. WOODSON: This is the second  
15 one.

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: This was the  
17 second party? So there was a previous party  
18 about three months ago, is that correct?

19 MR. WOODSON: Yes. Right. That's  
20 correct.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Would  
22 you happen to remember the date of that party?

1 MR. WOODSON: Well, he has it --

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: So it was one of  
3 the licensed parties?

4 MR. WOODSON: Yes, it was a  
5 licensed party.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

7 MR. WOODSON: We don't have a  
8 party unless we do a license.

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.  
10 Commissioner Morgan?

11 MR. MORGAN: Yes, sir?

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: You said that  
13 there had been complaints over the years --

14 MR. MORGAN: Yes.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- about this  
16 residence that you know of.

17 MR. MORGAN: That I know of, going  
18 back about five years.

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: Do you know the  
20 nature of those complaints?

21 MR. MORGAN: Most of them were  
22 around public safety, noise, parking. Mostly

1 around noise.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Around noise?

3 MR. MORGAN: Yes. One complaint  
4 was a series of individuals in front of the  
5 place very late at night, like around 3:00,  
6 4:00 in the morning. This was probably a year  
7 ago.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. About  
9 a year ago. Do you have any idea, any sense  
10 of how often the residents have complaints in  
11 terms of like how many nights that is, or how  
12 often this happened?

13 MR. MORGAN: I can say within the  
14 past year every time that there's been an  
15 event at this establishment there has been a  
16 complaint, a follow-up complaint. The normal  
17 -- I don't want to say protocol, but normally  
18 when someone is hosting an event where they  
19 will take a one-day application for a liquor  
20 license permit, they will address the  
21 community. They will talk to their neighbors  
22 to let them know that this is going on. They

1 will come to the civic association and will  
2 talk to the ANC. That has never been done by  
3 any of the other promoters at this  
4 establishment. They've never reached out to  
5 the community. We've never known until after  
6 the fact. So we've never had a chance to  
7 weigh in on any of their applications.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you,  
9 Commissioner Morgan.

10 Mr. Woodson, just out of  
11 curiosity, does anyone else live there with  
12 you?

13 MR. WOODSON: No.

14 MEMBER ALBERTI: So you're the  
15 only resident at that establishment?

16 MR. WOODSON: Oh, yes.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. And have  
18 you been present at all of the licensed events  
19 at your residence?

20 MR. WOODSON: Yes, I have.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. I have no  
22 further questions right now. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So I  
2 have written in my notes from the earlier part  
3 of this hearing that there were 150 guests or  
4 patrons. Did you say that, Mr. Price?

5 MR. PRICE: I didn't say that.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you say  
7 that, Mr. Ghenene? Okay. Because we have a  
8 discrepancy. We're now hearing 80 to 100. So  
9 Mr. Price says 80 to 100 and Mr. Ghenene says  
10 150.

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Well, Mrs.  
12 Rice who was on the premises that evening said  
13 that there approximately were 150 patrons  
14 there that night.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank  
16 you. Mr. Woodson, were you there when the  
17 assault occurred outside?

18 MR. WOODSON: Well, I don't know  
19 anything about the assault. The only thing I  
20 know is about the report that was made. I  
21 never saw anybody that was hurt or anything.  
22 We didn't have any problem inside with

1 anybody.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you know  
3 the police had come?

4 MR. WOODSON: Huh?

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you know  
6 when the police came?

7 MR. WOODSON: No. I don't even  
8 know when they came.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: When did you  
10 find out?

11 MR. WOODSON: Must have been about  
12 maybe 3:30 in the morning after everybody had  
13 just about gone. Every left out the house  
14 around 3:00. And somebody said that the  
15 police were out there. And that was about the  
16 size of it. I didn't --

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Who told you?

18 MR. WOODSON: -- check.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I'm sorry,  
20 who told you?

21 MR. WOODSON: I said I didn't go  
22 out to check.



1                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right, but  
2                   who told you?

3                   MR. WOODSON: But he has the  
4                   proper license and everything to operate.

5                   MR. PRICE: She's asking who told  
6                   you.

7                   MR. WOODSON: Huh?

8                   MR. PRICE: Who told there was an  
9                   incident?

10                  MR. WOODSON: Just somebody that  
11                  was there in the building said the police are  
12                  outside.

13                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: How would  
14                  people know to make a contribution for the  
15                  house? You made a reference that at the end  
16                  of the night if people wanted to make a  
17                  contribution they could.

18                  MR. WOODSON: No, we don't make  
19                  any -- we don't have any records for that.

20                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, you don't  
21                  have any records, but how would people know to  
22                  make a contribution?

1 MR. WOODSON: They don't know.  
2 They just -- in case they want to, they can.  
3 If they want to, they just let us know. But  
4 we don't ask for --

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right, who  
6 would they give the money to?

7 MR. WOODSON: They would give it  
8 to me personally.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Do you  
10 know how many contributions you got at the  
11 last event?

12 MR. WOODSON: The last event I  
13 didn't get any contributions.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And how long  
15 have you lived in your home?

16 MR. WOODSON: I guess roughly  
17 about close to 50 years.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And  
19 have you ever talked to your neighbors or the  
20 ANC about any complaints?

21 MR. WOODSON: The lady that lives  
22 next door to her, I haven't spoken to her for

1 20 years. Because I used to speak to her  
2 everyday when she moved in there and she told  
3 me one day that her friends told her not to  
4 talk to me. And that's about 20-some years.  
5 So I haven't spoken to her since. New people  
6 just moved in on the corner and they've only  
7 been in there for maybe six months. And  
8 there's nobody living in the back. In the  
9 back there's a vacant house.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank  
11 you. Mr. Silverstein, do you have any other  
12 questions?

13 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Ghenene,  
14 could you describe the scene outside when you  
15 got there?

16 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: The entire  
17 500 block of T Street was blocked off on both  
18 sides. There was a huge crime scene truck out  
19 front and crime scene officers. There was  
20 approximately five to six police cars. And  
21 like Mr. Price indicated, everything was taped  
22 off. The entire block was taped off. Spot

1 lights outside, too.

2 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: So do you  
3 find it likely that people inside the house  
4 would have known police arrived, or do you  
5 find it --

6 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: That would  
7 seem very reasonable, yes.

8 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Is it really  
9 possible somebody would not know? Could it  
10 have been that loud inside the house that --

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I could say  
12 that some of those rooms that were on the  
13 third floor like it would be possible for you  
14 not to know that the police were outside.

15 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Are you sure  
16 that you saw every room on the second floor?

17 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I'm not 100  
18 percent. I'm I'd say 85 to 90 percent sure.  
19 Just the way that the house is designed and  
20 the fact that the lights are low, you could  
21 miss rooms. You could miss things. And it's  
22 not very well lit and there's a lot of art

1 hanging on the walls and throughout, so stuff  
2 could blend in really easy. A door could  
3 blend with a wall or a door could look like a  
4 mirror or something. You know, you just don't  
5 know, or I just don't know.

6 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Woodson  
7 has just told us that he didn't know that the  
8 police arrived or the police had been there  
9 when this incident occurred. What are you  
10 thoughts on that?

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Well, all I  
12 can say is that Mr. Woodson was outside and  
13 the police were outside.

14 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: You think  
15 it's possible that maybe he had been a back  
16 room and didn't know immediately or that there  
17 was just a lot of loud music and --

18 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: It's  
19 possible.

20 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Or that the  
21 party was so loud in this residential  
22 neighborhood that you couldn't tell that the

1 police were there?

2 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: It's  
3 possible.

4 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: No further  
5 questions.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Alberti?

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: Just quickly I  
8 want to follow up on Mr. Silverstein's line of  
9 questioning. Investigator Ghenene, was there  
10 blood on the street or sidewalk or anywhere?

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: There was a  
12 lot of blood.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. A lot of  
14 blood? Tell me where you found blood, where  
15 you saw blood.

16 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I saw blood  
17 on half of the block closest to 507 T Street.  
18 In fact right outside of the gate to 507 T  
19 Street's property there was a large pool of  
20 blood.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. And when  
22 you say right outside the gate, right directly

1 in front of it? To the left, to the right of  
2 it?

3 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: It was in  
4 the street in front of the sidewalk. And I  
5 think I took a picture of that, too.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: It was in the  
7 street?

8 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: In front of  
9 the sidewalk. So if there's the street --

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes.

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: -- the  
12 sidewalk, then the residence, it was in the  
13 street.

14 MEMBER ALBERTI: Directly in front  
15 of that gate?

16 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Where  
18 else? Did you find blood any place else?

19 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: All over in  
20 that area in the street.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right.

22 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: It was

1       trailed everywhere.

2                   MEMBER ALBERTI:   Trailed  
3       everywhere?  Was there any trail up to the  
4       house at all?

5                   INVESTIGATOR GHENENE:  No, sir, I  
6       didn't see that.

7                   MEMBER ALBERTI:  Okay.  All right.  
8       Okay.  Thank you.

9                   So, Mr. Price, so when you came  
10       out you would have seen -- obviously the  
11       police would have been I think probably right  
12       where the blood was, right?

13                   MR. PRICE:  I didn't --

14                   MEMBER ALBERTI:  I would assume.  
15       I mean --

16                   MR. PRICE:  I saw no blood.

17                   MEMBER ALBERTI:  -- there would be  
18       a victim there.

19                   MR. PRICE:  Right.  Well, there  
20       was -- like I said, when I left it was  
21       probably -- it was -- I'm going to guess I  
22       probably put in at least 30-40 minutes of



1 cleaning up before I left, and that would have  
2 been at 3:00 when the party was over. But  
3 when I got outside --

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: So 30-40 minutes,  
5 it would have been 3:30, 3:40?

6 MR. PRICE: Could have been. You  
7 know, certainly wasn't looking at my watch.  
8 As I said, when I, you know, have parties my  
9 one thing I have make sure that everything is,  
10 you know, as it was when we came in. You  
11 know, obviously I don't want to leave his  
12 house a mess.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

14 MR. PRICE: But again, when I came  
15 outside there was -- maybe there was four or  
16 five police officers in the street, but you  
17 know, I personally did not see any blood.  
18 Certainly I would have, you know, looked in  
19 that direction. I mean I looked to see what  
20 was going on, but I didn't see anything --

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: There was no  
22 ambulance?

1 MR. PRICE: I don't recall seeing  
2 an ambulance, no.

3 MEMBER ALBERTI: There wasn't any  
4 police cars?

5 MR. PRICE: There was a police  
6 car. There was lights. There was definitely  
7 police cars and there were policemen there.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Thank you.  
9 Mr. Ghenene, you arrived at what,  
10 3:45?

11 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: And Mr. Woodson  
13 was outside?

14 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Who was he  
16 talking to when you arrived, do you know, or  
17 was he talking to anyone?

18 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe  
19 he was talking to Mrs. Rice. I believe.

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: And she was  
21 outside also?

22 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: On the

1 porch, not in the street.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Oh, they were on  
3 the porch? Okay.

4 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. Mr.  
6 Price, where did you buy the alcohol for this  
7 event?

8 MR. PRICE: I always get the  
9 alcohol from Schneider's Capitol Hill.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. How did  
11 you purchase it? Check? Cash? Credit card?

12 MR. PRICE: I always pay for  
13 alcohol with cash, but actually that night we  
14 did use, you know, mostly alcohol that was  
15 from a previous party. The last event wasn't  
16 -- we didn't have that -- you know, a huge sum  
17 of people. We had a lot of stuff left over.

18 MEMBER ALBERTI: So you paid for  
19 it with cash?

20 MR. PRICE: Yes.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: You have the  
22 receipts?

1 MR. PRICE: I can look for them.

2 I haven't looked for them. I imagine --

3 MEMBER ALBERTI: So you don't know  
4 if you have them?

5 MR. PRICE: I don't know, no.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Mr.  
7 Ghenene?

8 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: Yes, sir?

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: Ambiance,  
10 whatever they are, that company, that caterer,  
11 are they a licensed caterer?

12 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I did not  
13 review that. Ambiance Group is Mrs. Rice's  
14 promotion group.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

16 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe  
17 that they do more party planning. And I think  
18 she does some kind of retail sales with that  
19 as well.

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: But you got your  
21 alcohol from Ms. Rice, what she had left over?

22 MR. PRICE: Well, yes. I always

1 buy just to make sure I have, you know, enough  
2 for folks. She bought some as well. I think  
3 actually she might have had some that was  
4 given to her. Yes, I don't know. I really  
5 don't know. But she did bring alcohol and I  
6 brought alcohol. But we had stuff that was  
7 there. You know, we were pretty much ready  
8 for that party.

9 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So is it  
10 an open bar? Fifty dollars is an open bar?

11 MR. PRICE: Yes. Yes, people pay  
12 at the door and then they are -- it's open  
13 bar.

14 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. I have no  
15 further questions. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you have  
17 questions?

18 (No audible response.)

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I just have a  
20 couple. Mr. Price, so the parties in general,  
21 do you aim for a certain number, like 60 to  
22 80, or --

1 MR. PRICE: I mean in order for it  
2 to, you know, be worthwhile, yes, that's  
3 typical for the house. Probably about a good  
4 number that would be -- and, you know, feel  
5 like a party and not like empty. So, yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And is  
7 there a way that you control the numbers to  
8 be, you know, at that range?

9 MR. PRICE: No, I mean, you know,  
10 if it gets to the point that -- which I can't  
11 really -- ever have to say that. If we ever  
12 get to the point where there's so many people  
13 that we have to, you know, turn people away --  
14 I just don't have that type of crowd as of  
15 yet.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you do it  
17 by tickets or anything like that?

18 MR. PRICE: No.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No?

20 MR. PRICE: No, people pay. No.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No? They  
22 just pay when they come?

1 MR. PRICE: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So there's no  
3 payment in advance, right?

4 MR. PRICE: I mean I've never done  
5 that, but I think that -- yes, Kim must have  
6 done that ahead of time. I always have people  
7 pay at that door because it's easy for me.  
8 It's too much trying to keep up with this,  
9 that and the other.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. Who  
11 collects the money at the door?

12 MR. PRICE: That night actually it  
13 was -- I think it was Kim maybe.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

15 MR. PRICE: Sometimes it will be  
16 me, depending on the time of the event.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.  
18 Ghenene, did you talk with any private  
19 security when you got to the house?

20 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: No, ma'am.  
21 I spoke to Ms. Rice who indicated that she  
22 contracted through the Nation of Islam for

1 security guards, I believe, for that event.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Were they  
3 gone by the time that you got there?

4 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: I believe I  
5 saw one.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

7 INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: But I was  
8 kind of focused on speaking with Ms. Rice and  
9 Mr. Woodson.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.  
11 Okay. Yes, Mr. Brooks?

12 MEMBER BROOKS: Yes, just one more  
13 question, Madam Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

15 MEMBER BROOKS: Mr. Price, are you  
16 planning on having additional events soon?

17 MR. PRICE: I mean I would say I'd  
18 like to, but you know, I certainly -- that's  
19 all depends on whether, you know, I can get a  
20 liquor license or not. I mean obviously I --  
21 but would like to? Yes, I would like to, of  
22 course. I would like to have more events,



1 certainly.

2 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. But you  
3 don't have one planned for this coming week,  
4 do you?

5 MR. PRICE: No.

6 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. Thank you.  
7 Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're  
9 welcome. Anybody else?

10 (No audible response.)

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Anything else  
12 anyone wants to put on the record before we  
13 close this hearing?

14 (No audible response.)

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Then  
16 what I'm going to suggest is that we take this  
17 matter under advisement. We'll be looking at  
18 whether or not we'll issue anymore licenses to  
19 this address. And we will be expecting a  
20 resolution from ANC 1B?

21 MR. MORGAN: Right.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

1 Anything else anyone wants to say?

2 (No audible response.)

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Then  
4 that concludes this fact finding hearing.  
5 Thank you very much.

6 (Whereupon, the hearing was  
7 concluded at 11:02 a.m.)

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