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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Unlicensed Establishment

D.C. Dragons Martial Arts Training Center

1731 Rhode Island Avenue NE

ANC 5C

FACT FINDING HEARING

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Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Whereupon, the above referenced matter came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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2 CHAIRPERSON:

3 DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Presiding

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5 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:

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7 RUTHANNE MILLER, BOARD MEMBER

8 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

9 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

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

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then moving forward
3 we have a fact-finding hearing on D.C. Dragons Arts
4 Training Center. Would the parties please appear and
5 identify themselves for the record.

6 MS. MCDUFFIE: Good morning. My name is
7 Gale McDuffie.

8 MR. MCDUFFIE: My name is Robert T.
9 McDuffie, director.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And can you -- can
11 you tell me who are you? Designate the role that you
12 play please.

13 MS. MCDUFFIE: We're both --

14 MR. MCDUFFIE: I'm owner -- both owner and
15 director.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

17 INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: Investigator Kevin
18 Puente.

19 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Investigator Jason.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning. All
21 right. This is a fact finding hearing that we're having
22 because it's -- it's a -- it's regarding having an

1 unlicensed -- operating an unlicensed establishment.

2 And so -- so I'll have some information, then we'll --

3 I'll find out from the investigator. Who will be

4 leading? Are both of you jointly or -- so who wanted to

5 start? Just identify for the record and start please.

6 INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: So on Sunday, February
7 7th, 2016 at approximately 12:30 myself and Investigator
8 Peru responded to D.C. Dragon due to NPD calling the
9 ABRA hotline saying there was a unlicensed party
10 happening at the establishment. Myself and Investigator
11 Peru arrived and met with Sergeant Mike Lee of NPD. He
12 said there was an establishment operating a party that
13 was supposed to go into the early morning hours around 4
14 a.m. We got there, we entered the establishment. We
15 observed multiple people inside, security guards as well
16 as promoters waiting at a table to take money. We met
17 with the ABC manager who identified herself as Sabrina
18 Cass-Lee. Ms. Cass-Lee stated that she was hosting a
19 party at the establishment and she brought the alcohol.
20 Investigator Peru asked her if she had a one-day
21 temporary license or a substantial change. She stated
22 no, she had no idea what that was. Ms. Cass-Lee stated

1 that she thought her ABC manager license covered all
2 that and she was able to do the party. We asked if she
3 had a caterer. She said one was on its way. We asked
4 her why the caterer wasn't bringing the alcohol. She
5 said she -- she brought the alcohol, and the caterer was
6 bringing the food. So after waiting approximately 15,
7 20 minutes the caterer finally arrived almost around
8 1:00. She stated -- Investigator Peru talked to her so
9 I can't really speak of what happened. But NPD advised
10 the ABC manager she's got to shut the party down or she
11 would possibly be arrested for not having the proper
12 license -- licenses for the party. We went inside. We
13 observed a large amount of alcohol inside the karate
14 studio behind the bar. We observed a DJ also. The ABC
15 manager agreed to shut down the party, and she left the
16 property immediately. And the promoter started to pack
17 up the alcohol and left. We found a -- I did an online
18 search of social media. I was able to find the -- the
19 promoters who were having the event. They tweeted out
20 it was a -- a Bob Marley celebration function. As you
21 can see in one of the exhibits, there's a picture of the
22 promotional material. And I came back to the office. I

1 conducted a -- a search of our ABRA records and found no
2 one-day licenses or applications approved by The Board
3 for the party.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Identify yourself for
5 the record, sir.

6 SERGEANT LEE: Sergeant Mark Lee from the
7 5th District.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Do you want to
9 go?

10 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Yes, sir. So just to
11 add, so I -- I did speak with -- I spoke with the ABC
12 manager. The ABC manager, just to clarify, she was
13 under the impression because she had a ABC manager's
14 license that that's all she needed in order to host and
15 have a party. I spoke to the promoter as well. The
16 promoter was relying on the ABC manager of being there
17 to supply the alcohol for this party. And like I said,
18 at no time that we were there was there food or anything
19 else from a caterer that was that -- that was present.
20 So the misinformation that the ABC manager thought that
21 she had that license -- manager license that she didn't
22 need one-day license or a caterer to have this party or

1 have alcohol. So that -- that's when -- you know,
2 that's when NPD contacting us, and we -- the sergeant
3 was there and Lieutenant Rivers actually showed up as
4 well, she was on scene. And after discussing with
5 everybody the lieutenant determined that the party
6 should be -- should be closed down because it was a
7 illegal party with the alcohol. Maybe the sergeant can
8 speak more on their -- on their behalf.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sergeant Lee, can you
10 tell us about this incident specifically and if you have
11 any other information regard -- regarding this
12 establishment in general please, sir.

13 SERGEANT LEE: Well, what brought us -- this
14 establishment to our attention, the -- the community was
15 making calls to the station in reference to the over
16 parking on the sidewalk. So we responded to the
17 location, and that's where we spoke to some of the staff
18 there. And we -- during our investigation we found they
19 were having a party there, and we were -- at that time
20 we were not able to locate a ABC manager on duty. So
21 that's when we called the ABRA investigators.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. I'm just saying

1 do you have any -- any other incidents or just
2 historically about this establishment if you have
3 anything that you'd like to add?

4 SERGEANT LEE: No. I -- I responded twice
5 for this same type of incident. But no other crime
6 concerns or any other community concerns. Just they
7 were concerned about the parking spilling into the
8 neighborhood and just the large amount of people at this
9 establishment.

10 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Chair --

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

12 INVESTIGATOR PERU: -- I could share the --
13 I've -- I've had -- I believe Investigator Puente as
14 well. I've responded to the establishment several times
15 over the last couple years for the same -- the same
16 thing, NPD calls or complaints from the neighborhood.
17 Upon arrival, you know, I -- I've dealt with the owner.
18 He's always been cooperative, you know, with -- with me,
19 Mr. McDuffie. In reference to what was going on there
20 was some confusion at first. He was getting one-day
21 licenses to hold these parties at the beginning. I
22 believe I do have cases -- I wrote a case on a after

1 hours case with him. But because they're not a licensed
2 establishment, Dragon Martial Arts, it's not going to
3 show up on the history.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

5 INVESTIGATOR PERU: So there -- there has
6 been cases written for one-days, and then we've been
7 called there where caterers have been operating. And
8 when the caterers have been there I have been there when
9 there has been a full caterer and there has been food,
10 you know, and they were following the caterer's license.
11 I've been there when -- when that has been perfect.
12 I -- I also want to add on the night of the incident
13 Mrs. McDuffie was there, not Mr. McDuffie, and she was
14 very cooperative and, you know, she did let us know that
15 she was relying on the promoter and these people to have
16 the right license and to -- to do things. And she
17 really didn't -- she -- she wasn't aware that they
18 didn't have things in order to -- to host this party.
19 So she was -- she was cooperative with us in order to
20 shut it down. There wasn't anything -- you know, so I
21 just wanted to add that in there that that did happen.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Thank

1 you. Mr. McDuffie, Ms. McDuffie, who -- who wants to
2 speak and just tell us about the incident.

3 MR. MCDUFFIE: Well, I'll start it off. We
4 have parties there. But I require everybody to have a
5 liquor license if they come in to my establishment. And
6 this particular night the lady didn't have a liquor
7 license, but I wasn't there. I was home because I was
8 up for a couple of days and I needed rest. So I was
9 home, and I called my wife and I said if the lady does
10 not have a license, shut it down and that's what she
11 did. So I don't understand, you know, why I'm here
12 right at the moment because I know that I tried
13 desperately to do the right thing and stay in
14 compliance. So I'll go down -- I'll go downstairs and I
15 get a liquor license and I post it on the wall. If they
16 are going to use my establishment, they are obligated to
17 get a liquor license as well. And if they don't have
18 it, then they can't use my place. That night I wasn't
19 there. So I called my wife and I told her to shut it
20 down and she shut it down.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I think -- I
22 think it's more so from the prospective -- so you're

1 saying you don't understand why you're here. But it's
2 your establishment and you're stating that you require
3 folks to have a liquor license to have an event. So how
4 do you know that they have a liquor license? How --

5 MR. MCDUFFIE: They are --

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold -- hold on a
7 minute please, sir.

8 MR. MCDUFFIE: Sorry.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you know that
10 they have a liquor license? So if you say you're
11 required, if you're sign -- if they're signing a
12 contract -- if they are signing a contract with you, you
13 should see the -- the see the liquor license. And so
14 it's not a matter of saying well, you know, you gave
15 them permission to have the event, the neighbors
16 complain, the police -- the police came. And then once
17 the police came it's like you found out they didn't have
18 a liquor license. So then I'm looking at when -- if
19 you're saying that you require them, as part of your
20 contract they should show that to you and you should not
21 allow them to come on your premises unless they have the
22 proper documentation. So that's -- that's why you are

1 here.

2 MR. MCDUFFIE: Yeah. I understand that, and
3 I check to find out. I asked my wife did they have the
4 license, and the lady -- she told me that the lady said
5 that the person that had the license was on their way.
6 And I waited another 35, 40 minutes. I called back.
7 The license wasn't there. So I asked my wife to shut it
8 down because I wasn't going through that.

9 MS. MCDUFFIE: And I did not know that they
10 could not set up. But at no time did I see them serving
11 or selling it. And I went to them three different times
12 and asked them where is the liquor license? And they
13 told me she was on the way. Well, they don't usually
14 start the party until after 12:30, maybe about 1:00. So
15 nothing had started. But I -- I wasn't aware that they
16 could not bring the alcohol on the premises. I did not
17 know that.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, let me ask --
19 let me ask you a question. How -- how far in advance do
20 you sign -- do these promoters or these folks come to --
21 to talk to you about having an event in your
22 establishment?

1 MR. MCDUFFIE: When someone wants to utilize
2 my property for a party or what have you I require them
3 to get a liquor license.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. I'm saying how
5 far in advance when someone comes to you?

6 MR. MCDUFFIE: A week, two weeks.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean what's the
8 time line, two weeks, one week?

9 MR. MCDUFFIE: Yeah. Two weeks, one -- a
10 week or two weeks, whatever when they come. If they
11 don't have a liquor license, they ask me if I will go
12 come down here to get it. And the ABC Board can tell
13 you I'm down here all the time getting it because I
14 don't want any improprieties in my place. So I will
15 come and get the license. I'll bring it back and I'll
16 put it on the wall. This lady obviously didn't have a
17 license, but she kept saying that the lady that has the
18 license will bring it over. And it went on and on and
19 on. So I called my wife back and said shut it down.

20 MS. MCDUFFIE: And one thing --

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Ms. McDuffie.
22 Yes. Go ahead.

1 MS. MCDUFFIE: -- other that I didn't know
2 at the time until afterwards was that the promoter had
3 gotten a different person for the license, and I didn't
4 know that. I thought it was the same person that they
5 usually use who has a license. I just thought she was
6 running late. But he told me afterwards that he went
7 with a different person.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Now, I
9 guess one thing I'll say to you and I'm not going to
10 give you -- we have changed our regulations regarding
11 temporary liquor license in the sense of usually it was
12 seven days prior -- you have to apply seven days. And I
13 think we have changed it to I think 30 -- 20 days that
14 they have to apply for it. So this is -- it can't be
15 now that two weeks prior to having an event that -- so
16 if someone comes to you two weeks -- a week or two weeks
17 before to say that they're going to have an event, they
18 need to have -- you need more time because they have to
19 apply to us for a liquor license. And they -- so that's
20 just something for you to be aware of. And I'll have my
21 other board members ask questions, whoever -- Mr. Short.

22 MR. SHORT: Good morning.

1 MR. MCDUFFIE: Good morning.

2 MS. MCDUFFIE: Good morning.

3 MR. SHORT: What is your certificate of
4 occupancy for you to operate your regular business?
5 What does that state.

6 MR. MCDUFFIE: Martial Arts.

7 MR. SHORT: Martial Arts. Is it a school?
8 Is it a --

9 MR. MCDUFFIE: School, yes.

10 MR. SHORT: And how many exits do you have
11 from that building?

12 MR. MCDUFFIE: How many exits?

13 MR. SHORT: Exits, yes.

14 MR. MCDUFFIE: About --

15 MR. BROOKS: I'm Rudolph Brooks. I'm their
16 nephew. I've been working with --

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you identify
18 yourself for the record please.

19 MR. BROOKS: Rudolph Brooks.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ralph (ph) Brooks.

21 Yes. Go ahead.

22 MR. BROOKS: There are three egresses in the

1 building. But I will add that after the event that took
2 place that's in question there have been no other
3 events, and the -- there's a submission for a change of
4 occupancy to be in compliance with whatever needs to be
5 done. We've been in contact with them as well to do
6 that.

7 MR. SHORT: Because if it's a place of
8 public assembly which you are renting out for the
9 consumption of alcohol, then you'd have to have a public
10 hall license.

11 MR. BROOKS: Correct.

12 MR. SHORT: And so by having one-day
13 licenses that's not for -- let me ask you this: How
14 many events do you have a month, one-day licenses?

15 MR. BROOKS: Well, it's very infrequent.
16 And again, since this event has taken place there have
17 been none. So it was very infrequent. It was just when
18 people would come in to ask to have an event. It wasn't
19 something that was being promoted. They would just ask
20 to use it, and that's what was taking place. So it's
21 not a schedule or it's not a frequent event that took
22 place.

1 MR. SHORT: Okay. Well, I guess my question
2 is if you don't have enough exits to have a public hall
3 license, but then you're getting one-day licenses to do
4 the same thing a club would do, then you might be
5 compromising the persons who are coming in your
6 building. Apparently there's a lot of information you
7 don't know.

8 MR. BROOKS: Correct. We went down --

9 MR. SHORT: I -- I would suggest that you
10 get a copy of the ABRA rules and regulations and dealing
11 with one-days and dealing with all those things because
12 the excuse of not knowing is -- because right now we are
13 able to find this out. No one was injured, no one was
14 hurt. The neighbors have been complaining. The
15 neighborhoods in a flux. And to be a good business I
16 know you don't want that. You want to get along with
17 your neighbors I know. How many years have you been
18 there at that location?

19 MR. BROOKS: 36.

20 MS. MCDUFFIE: Over 30.

21 MR. SHORT: How long have you been having
22 one-days?

1 MR. BROOKS: Maybe a year.

2 MR. MCDUFFIE: Yeah. About once or twice.

3 Yeah.

4 MR. SHORT: I understand that. Going back
5 from this -- this date, 2016 what year did you start
6 applying for one-day liquor licenses.

7 MR. MCDUFFIE: I think it was 2013.

8 MR. SHORT: Are you -- are you perfectly
9 sure of that?

10 MR. MCDUFFIE: Well, I'm not sure, but I can
11 get it from right -- the ABC Board.

12 MR. SHORT: Oh, I --

13 MR. MCDUFFIE: Because I come down.

14 MR. SHORT: We've done -- we've done some
15 research. You -- you cannot answer that question,
16 correct? You're on the record. So you cannot answer
17 that question?

18 MR. MCDUFFIE: Okay.

19 MR. SHORT: All right. Okay. Again, if you
20 get a copy of the rules and regulations, go down to
21 DCRA, do the proper things you're supposed to do.
22 Because you can't change a school for martial arts into

1 a public hall. You can't do that, not safely. You
2 could be sued by the people who attend there should
3 something take place. How many people do you normally
4 have when you do the one-days?

5 MR. MCDUFFIE: Sometimes I have 15, 20, 25.
6 It depends on the kids that I have.

7 MR. SHORT: No. I'm not talking about the
8 kids.

9 MS. MCDUFFIE: He's talking about --

10 MR. SHORT: The one-day liquor licenses.

11 MR. MCDUFFIE: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. Maybe
12 100 people. Yeah.

13 MR. SHORT: 100 people. Not -- not any more
14 than that?

15 MS. MCDUFFIE: Sometimes there's more than
16 that.

17 MR. SHORT: Sometimes more than that. How
18 many people can you have in there legally?

19 MS. MCDUFFIE: I think about --

20 MR. MCDUFFIE: 400.

21 MR. SHORT: Excuse me?

22 MR. MCDUFFIE: 400.

1 MR. SHORT: So you have a placard on the
2 wall that says that from DCRA and the fire department?

3 MR. BROOKS: No. What he's -- what he's
4 referring to is that we went down and -- to the DCRA
5 subsequent to make sure that there was nothing else that
6 we did not understand or know.

7 MR. SHORT: Uh-huh.

8 MR. BROOKS: And based on the design of the
9 building and the number of entrance and exits they were
10 saying that you could have up to 400 people with the
11 proper documentation. That's what he's referring to,
12 but that's not what we have right now.

13 MR. SHORT: Okay. You're -- you're saying
14 that -- I'll just simply say I have some -- some
15 information about public safety and public halls and
16 DCRA. And what you're saying doesn't comport to what
17 information that I have. So I think that you need to go
18 back to DCRA. I think you need to find out -- did you
19 get drawings showing 400 on it, approved -- stamped and
20 approved?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, he -- he didn't
22 say that. He didn't.

1 MR. SHORT: Okay. I'm just asking. If he's
2 applied for that, then they would ask him to provide
3 that, Mr. Chair. They would ask you to provide that at
4 DCRA. You'd have to give them a schematic drawing of
5 your place.

6 MR. BROOKS: They didn't ask for that.

7 MR. SHORT: They did not ask for that?

8 MR. BROOKS: They did not ask for that.

9 MR. SHORT: So they -- just off of what you
10 told them they said 400 without seeing anything?

11 MR. BROOKS: They did not approve 400. They
12 said based on that you could go up to 400. They did not
13 approve anything yet.

14 MR. SHORT: Okay. I -- I --

15 MR. BROOKS: I completely understand what
16 you're saying about --

17 MR. SHORT: Okay. All right. If you
18 understand it, that's great. Okay. And we're on the
19 record. So again, we want to see businesses thrive in
20 Washington D.C. I'm very familiar with your
21 neighborhood that you're in, and I've seen the changes
22 over the years. But the bottom line is we want to do

1 things safely.

2 MS. MCDUFFIE: And we do too. Yes.

3 MR. SHORT: And when the ABRA investigators
4 and NPD come out and there's no ABC manager and we're
5 waiting for that person to get here but you had the
6 crowd there and you had alcohol there, that's an illegal
7 activity.

8 MS. MCDUFFIE: But her card did say ABC
9 manager. So --

10 MR. BROOKS: We understand. We understand.

11 MR. SHORT: I -- I hope so. Okay. I hope
12 so.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Anyone
14 can be an ABC -- anyone can apply to be an ABC manager
15 meaning that they can -- but that doesn't necessarily
16 mean that the establishment is approved to sell alcohol.

17 MS. MCDUFFIE: I understand. Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can come down --
19 you can come down here and -- and apply for a license to
20 be an ABC manager that says that -- that means that you
21 can work in an establishment that sells alcohol. But
22 that doesn't mean that you yourself -- well, let me not

1 quote the law because I don't know.

2 MS. MCDUFFIE: And I understand now that I
3 went and read the rules and what have you. So I -- I
4 know what you're saying now. I did not know that
5 earlier.

6 MR. SHORT: Okay. Please let me -- let me
7 say this to you. If going to continue to request
8 one-days, I as a board member -- I can't speak for the
9 other board members, but I'm going to look at your
10 licenses very closely.

11 MS. MCDUFFIE: Okay.

12 MR. SHORT: And I wish that you would get a
13 copy of the -- the rules and regulations that would
14 govern that. Talk with our staff so that you don't run
15 afoul of the law. Because the police officer would --
16 would have been within his right to arrest someone. I
17 think you were told that, correct? All right. So,
18 Mr. Chair, thank you. That's all I have. And just
19 hopefully you'll get this and you'll -- I think you got
20 the message.

21 MS. MCDUFFIE: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

1 Ms. Miller, you have some questions?

2 MS. MILLER: Just basically I just wanted to
3 ask the investigators first was this -- was this a one
4 time thing? This is their only violation in their use
5 of that space?

6 INVESTIGATOR PERU: No. No, ma'am.

7 MS. MILLER: No. There's -- there's a
8 history?

9 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Yes. That's what I was
10 saying, their history, it's -- it's hard because of our
11 systems, the one-day license had a history. I -- I
12 worked on a case personally that's why I can speak on
13 it. There has been one violation that I wrote the --
14 wrote a case on in reference to the hours of sales of
15 the one-day license. But we've been called back there
16 several times for one-day licenses or caterers. I only
17 have one violation I believe case that I -- that I wrote
18 on the one-day. But yes, there's -- I mean it was -- it
19 was frequent enough to where, you know, me and
20 Mr. McDuffie have a relationship to where I go and I
21 speak with him, any problems, any concerns we check it.
22 We'd walk out, there would be no problems. You know, if

1 there was a noise call, we'd -- we'd go talk to him.

2 You know, typically the noise, you know, it depending on

3 the door of the egress -- if the door's open or not.

4 But yes, I've been called there for -- for other --

5 other parties. Violation-wise personally I have one

6 case that I wrote which was maybe over a year ago now.

7 But -- but yes, it was -- the parties were frequent

8 enough to where it was on ABRA's radar, and it was on

9 our routine monitoring list kind of like Evarts Street

10 was to compare it to -- to their most recent, you know,

11 party there. So yes, it was -- it has been a concern.

12 MR. SHORT: You mean Evarts Street?

13 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Evarts Street, yes, sir.

14 Yes, sir.

15 MS. MILLER: Well, this incident sounds like

16 one in which it wasn't intentional, that -- that the

17 owner didn't know that an ABC manager wouldn't suffice

18 to be able to serve alcohol; is that correct? Did you

19 have anything like that before, or is it --

20 INVESTIGATOR PERU: No. That's -- that's

21 the first time. That's the first time we've been there

22 with -- me personally that I've been there and there's

1 been no license at all, no caterer, no one-day, no
2 anything. That the -- the promoters of the party
3 putting it on and the ABC manager that was there, they
4 thought one thing. And, you know, I think Ms. McDuffie,
5 it was my first time meeting her who was superintending
6 the business at the time maybe didn't have knowledge
7 of -- of what -- what they were required to have for
8 these parties.

9 MS. MILLER: Right.

10 INVESTIGATOR PERU: And I think that's where
11 there was a lapse of the different case. Because it's
12 -- like I said, this is the first time there was
13 nothing, no caterers or -- or a -- or a one-day license
14 and they were having a party.

15 MS. MILLER: Okay.

16 INVESTIGATOR PERU: So --

17 MS. MILLER: So I guess my question goes to
18 like in the past was it because they didn't know the
19 rules as opposed to what looked like an intentional
20 violation?

21 INVESTIGATOR PERU: I think -- I think in
22 the past with the one-day and the first time around I

1 think it was. When -- when I -- when I brought it to
2 his attention, what his one-day license said and the
3 hours of sales and service of alcohol in the district,
4 once he -- once I pointed that out to him we didn't -- I
5 personally haven't -- haven't been back for an after
6 hours. I'm not sure if its happened since --

7 MS. MILLER: Okay.

8 INVESTIGATOR PERU: -- you know, or other
9 investigators have been there. But my personal
10 experience after hours has not been a problem. Maybe
11 NPD has different information. But -- but yeah, myself,
12 no.

13 MS. MILLER: Okay.

14 INVESTIGATOR PERU: So --

15 MS. MILLER: So -- so what I would say is
16 that I don't think that alcohol regulations and laws are
17 that easy, you know, or that clear. And it looks to me
18 like this is kind of why you're here as kind of a like a
19 wake-up call that you need to consult with staff.
20 And -- I think even if you just look at the regs, it may
21 not even be that clear. But make sure that you
22 understand the circumstances under which you're allowed

1 to, you know, do the parties if you even have them.

2 Okay. That's all I have. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms.

4 Miller. Do you have any questions, Mr. --

5 Mr. Silverstein?

6 MR. SILVERSTEIN: No, I don't.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Thank

8 you. Do you have any final comments that you want to

9 make?

10 MR. BROOKS: No.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Investigators?

12 Police officer? Well, I -- the purpose of this fact

13 finding hearing is just to make you aware of what the

14 rules and regulations are. You're here because it's

15 your business, and you're the one that we're holding

16 accountable because you're the one who's inviting these

17 individuals on your property to have an event. And so

18 therefore you have to make sure that you comply with

19 that -- that -- that they are in compliance with the law

20 because they're -- you're -- we're holding you

21 accountable. So as I said before, we have changed the

22 rules and regulations for -- for temporary license. So

1 if someone comes to you to apply for -- to have an event
2 and if it's two weeks and if they don't have the
3 license, that's -- that should be a red flag to you that
4 if they're coming to you today and they want to have an
5 event unless -- if -- if a license -- if they don't have
6 a license in hand, there can be no event. Because
7 it's -- it's -- it's going to take a long time for --
8 even to apply for one-day license. So we will hold you
9 accountable. And I was told that you -- and I like --
10 like the fact that you said that you're aware of the
11 law. You're not necessarily going to know everything,
12 but ask questions. Ask the agency. And I appreciate it
13 that you're taking the time to come here today to
14 explain your part. And we will make sure that whatever
15 information you need, someone in the agency will provide
16 you with that answer. Okay.

17 MR. MCDUFFIE: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very much.

19 Have a great day.

20 (Whereupon the above-entitled matter was
21 concluded.)

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