

**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 – 11:00 AM
ROOM 215 - CITY HALL - 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET**

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410) 396-4380 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

11:00 a.m. cases

I. New Applications, Transfers and amendments :

1. **Tesfaye Birru & Fikremariam Worku, Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge t/a Jano Ethopia, 34 S. Eutaw Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership
2. ~~**Jones Montgomery, Sanamdeep Singh & Uprendra Shrestha, Desi Aug, LLC T/a Corky’s Liquor, 5404-06 York Road**~~ – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership Request for Postponement – moved 3/26/15
3. **Jin Zhou Shi & Change Xu Sun, Michael’s Super Market, Inc. T/a Slater’s Market, 5123 Park Heights Avenue** – Class “A” Beer & Wine License – Application to transfer ownership
4. **Ian Parrish & Charles Parrish, Baltimore Eagle, LLC T/a Baltimore Eagle, 2022 N. Charles Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership
5. **Hong-Qing Shi & Yu-Feng Jiang, V & A Mini Market, Inc. T/a Mack’s Deli, 1301 Bayard Street** – Class “A” Beer & Wine License – Application to transfer ownership

1:00 CASES

II. Violations

1. **Elaine Fordham, Isis, LLC T/a Isis Lounge, 226-28 Park Avenue** - Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 3.01 Ownership and Operation** – December 5, 2014 – The Comptroller’s Office received a complaint by a former employee of Isis, LLC T/A Isis Lounge. As part of the investigation, Agent Tanis interviewed Korey Moody, who claimed to be the operator of the establishment. The interview occurred at approximately 10:30am to 11:30 am at the Offices of the Comptroller. Mr. Moody produced a signed agreement stating that he was allowed to manage the business in exchange for \$2,000 per month in

pay. As of yet, Mr. Moody's financial interest has not been formally disclosed to the Board in writing nor has an application been made to reflect Mr. Moody's financial interest in the License.

Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller's Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this date, Agent Wayne Tanis from the Comptroller's office conducted an investigation and found 6 containers of hookah tobacco. Upon finding these containers the Agent asked operator if there were any receipts or records indicating that the Maryland tobacco tax was paid. The operator could not produce the records.

Violation of Rule 3.03 (a) Records – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller's Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this date Agent Wayne Tanis from the Comptroller's office conducted an investigation and asked the operator for receipts of alcoholic beverages purchased. The only receipts that the operator could provide were from September 2014 through October 2014. At that time the Agent found 27 bottles of distilled spirits that were not on any of the invoices nor were they on any of the prior listed stock.

Violation of Rule 4.10 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller's Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this date Agent Wayne Tanis from the Comptroller's office conducted an investigation and asked the operator for receipts of alcoholic beverages purchased. The only receipts that the operator could provide were from September 2014 through October 2014. At that time the Agent found 27 bottles of distilled spirits that were not on any of the invoices nor were they on any of the prior listed stock. Agent determined that operator purchased alcohol from a not licensed wholesaler.

Violation of Rule 3.03 (c) Records – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller's Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this date Agent Wayne Tanis from the Comptroller's office requested to see the records of employees for Isis Lounge. The operator produced a stack of eight (8) black file folders with eight (8) separate names. The operator stated that the folders did not contain any additional information other than the names of the employees on the file folders.

The operator then told the Agent that the licensee takes care of all withholding tax information for all employees. A record check indicated that Isis LLC T/A Isis Lounge never obtained a withholding account with the Comptroller to submit income tax withholdings.

Violation of Rule 3.07 Restroom – December 19, 2014 – At approximately 8:00 PM the Baltimore Police Department, The Comptroller’s Office, and Inspectors from the BLLC, responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into the business practices of the Isis Lounge. Isis Lounge advertises itself as a bar and hookah lounge. On this Inspector Jones inspected the woman’s bathroom and found that the toilet seat and toilet were inoperable. There was a sign on the door that indicated it was out of order.

2. **Michael Buenger & Carolyn Lissau, Diamond Jim, Inc. T/a Diamond Lounge, 415 E. Baltimore Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License/ Adult Entertainment - **Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare** – December 21, 2014 – At approximately 10:15 pm police responded to 415 E Baltimore Street to an establishment known as the “Diamond Lounge” for a cutting. Police met with the victim who stated he was attacked by a man who he knew to be employed as security personnel at the establishment. According to the victim the employee engaged in a verbal altercation with the victim, then went behind the bar, grabbed a knife, and then stabbed the victim in the arm. Police were able to identify the suspect and confirm that the suspect was employed as a bouncer at the establishment.

Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct – December 21, 2014 – At approximately 10:15 pm police responded to 415 E Baltimore Street to an establishment known as the “Diamond Lounge” for a cutting. Police met with the victim who stated he was attacked by a man who he knew to be employed as security personnel at the establishment. According to the victim the employee engaged in a verbal altercation with the victim, then went behind the bar, grabbed a knife, and then stabbed the victim in the arm. Police were able to identify the suspect and confirm that the suspect was employed as a bouncer at the establishment.

Violation of Adult Entertainment Rule 9 Codes Compliance – December 21, 2014 – At approximately 10:15 pm police responded to 415 E Baltimore Street to an establishment known as the “Diamond Lounge” for a cutting. Police met with the victim who stated he was attacked by a man who he knew to be employed as security personnel at the establishment. According to the victim the employee engaged in a verbal altercation with the victim, then went behind the bar, grabbed a knife, and then stabbed the victim in the arm. Police were able to identify the suspect and confirm that the suspect was employed as a bouncer at the establishment.

Violation of Adult Entertainment Rule 14 Other Standards – December 21, 2014 – At approximately 10:15 pm police responded to 415 E Baltimore Street to an establishment known as the “Diamond Lounge” for a cutting. Police met with the victim who stated he was attacked by a man who he knew to be employed as security personnel at the establishment. According to the victim the employee engaged in a verbal altercation with the victim, then went behind the bar, grabbed a knife, and then stabbed the victim in the arm. Police were able to identify the suspect and confirm that the suspect was employed as a bouncer at the establishment.

**Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above, items may be moved and postponed items can be heard early to move the agenda forward. Also note that parties are asked to submit and written requests and all documents and requests to the liquor board at least 72 hours before the scheduled hearing.*