

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Nikolaos Kourpouanidis, Permittee Club Diamond 101 Railroad Place Danbury, CT 06810 Case No. 2017-1140 Permit No. LCA.7981

Backer: Club 100 LLC

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

On February 15, 2018, after due notice, the Department of Consumer Protection, Liquor Control Commission, held a formal administrative hearing on the charge of disposing of liquor without a permit and failing to have an active liquor permit, in violation of Section 30-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 30-6-A1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The Respondent appeared and provided testimony, as did Liquor Control Agents Sturgeon and Anderson, Danbury Police Officer Gibney and the landlord of the building where Club Diamond is located.

Agent Sturgeon testified that the allegations against Club Diamond arose from a police referral from the Danbury Police Department. It was alleged alcohol was available at Club Diamond without a permit.

Office Gibney testified the police received an anonymous tip that Club Diamond was selling alcohol without a permit. He stated he went to the location and there appeared to be two bartenders present, beer on the bar and a stocked bar. He stated there appeared to be liquor in some glasses but he did not witness any alcohol sales or purchases while he was present. No arrests were made or tickets issued.

Agent Anderson testified he reviews new liquor permit applications. He stated Club Diamond applied for a provisional permit but no action was taken because of the present pending charges. He stated the location is not currently open for business.

Mr. Kourpouanidis testified that when he took over the space alcohol had been left behind. He stated the alcohol was not being sold. He stated the beer was brought in by patrons that have a weekly pool league and he thought it was ok for people to bring their own liquor. Mr. Damea, who owns the building, testified and went into detail as to how this incident came about and vouched for Mr. Kourpouanidis' character.

Attorney Anderson stated based upon the circumstance of this case; the Commission may have Mr. Kourpouanidis resubmit a provisional application.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the Department of Consumer Protection dismisses the charges and allows the Respondent to resubmit a provisional application to Liquor Control for consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

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