

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF

Majestic Lounge
451 Franklin Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut
Albano Shehu, Permittee
Majestic Lounge, LLC, Backer
Permit No. LIR.19705

February 18, 2020

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

This premises operates under a restaurant liquor permit issued by the Department of Consumer Protection (“DCP”). It operates under the trade name “Majestic Lounge” and is also known as the “Majestic.” The permit was first issued by DCP on May 26, 2017 and was renewed annually, with the current permit set to expire on May 25, 2020.

We find that on February 16, 2020, Majestic Lounge was the scene of a shooting, in which five individuals sustained gunshot wounds inside the premise. One individual died from his wounds and some were deemed critically injured.

Specifically, in a letter dated February 18, 2020 from Hartford Interim Chief of Police Jason Thody to DCP Commissioner Michelle Seagull, Interim Chief Thody states that Hartford police officers were on “Hot Spot” duty outside Majestic Lounge, as it is a location necessitating enhanced police presence. The officers heard gunfire within the premise, and immediately entered. The officers found four people with gunshot wounds. A short time later, a motor vehicle accident was reported in the vicinity about one mile away. One of the occupants of the vehicle was found to have multiple gunshot wounds. Responding officers learned that the victim sustained these wounds at Majestic Lounge, bringing the total victim count to five persons.

Interim Chief Thody additionally reports that one of the victims, a twenty-eight-year-old male, sustained several gunshot wounds and ultimately succumbed to his injuries. A nineteen-year-old female sustained a non-life threatening gunshot to her lower extremity. The three other remaining victims additionally sustained gunshots wounds, some of which caused critical injury.

We find that the February 16, 2020 shooting, in conjunction with the premise being a known “Hot Spot” for police, demonstrates that the premise is operated in a manner that imperils public safety and demonstrates the need for better control of the premise by the permittee, backer, or their agents.

Based upon the foregoing, DCP finds that public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action, in accordance with section 4-182 (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and **ORDERS** your restaurant liquor permit **suspended immediately and premises closed** pending proceedings for revocation or other action.

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Michelle Seagull
Commissioner of Consumer Protection
Chairperson, Liquor Control Commission