

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Louis E. Changanauqui, Permittee
Caral Lounge
1429 Park Street, Hartford, CT
Permit No. LCA.7669

May 8, 2018

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

This matter involves the liquor permit for Caral Lounge, 1429 Park Street, Hartford, CT, Louis E. Changanauqui, Permittee. A formal administrative hearing was held before the Department of Consumer Protection on March 8, 2018.

Agent Lanuza testified at the hearing and stated that the allegations against Caral Lounge arose from a police referral from the Hartford Police Department after an incident that took place in April of 2017. She stated a large fight broke out among an over capacity crowd and when police officers arrived a gun shot was heard. The casing was found inside the premise. Someone was also hit in the head with a bottle and blood was found on the floor. The premise also smelled of marijuana.

In addition Agent Lanuza stated the liquor permit was not hung and daily sales records or invoices for the purchase of alcohol were missing. She stated

Liquor Control subsequently seized all alcohol that was unaccounted for and the agent was informed that some alcohol was purchased at a package store.

This investigation resulted in the violation of Sections 30-53 and 30-54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and Sections 30-6-A23 and 30-6-A24 (a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Based upon the evidence presented, we hereby find the Respondent guilty of violating the charges as alleged. We remind the Respondent that dispensing liquor is a privilege and not a right. Beckanstin v. Liquor Control Commission, 140 Conn. 185, 192, 99 A.2d 1191 (1953). Additionally, the Liquor Control Act grants the Liquor Control Commission a liberal discretionary power to determine factual matters with regard to liquor permits and to fine, suspend or revoke the permit after a hearing. Balog v. Liquor Control Commission, 150 Conn. 473, 191 A.2d 20 (1963).

Accordingly, we hereby suspend the Respondent's liquor permit for one day and for an additional seven days. In lieu of the additional seven day suspension, we will accept payment of a fine in the amount of \$1,000, in accordance with Section 30-6-A8(i) and (k) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

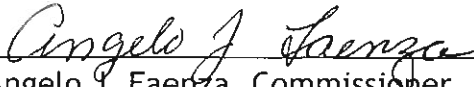
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LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

BY:



Anne K. Stiber, Esq.

Designated Presiding Officer



Angelo J. Faenza, Commissioner



David A. Scribner, Commissioner

Non-Parties:

John Suchy, Director, Liquor Control Division

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In lieu of serving the additional suspension days,
this form must be returned to the
Department of Consumer Protection by May 29, 2018.**

TO: Department of Consumer Protection
Attention: Robin Castiglione
Legal Division
450 Columbus Blvd., STE. 901
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Louis Changanqui, Permittee, Caral Lounge, 1429 Park Street, Hartford,
CT
Liquor Permit LCA.7669; Case No. 2017-277

Pursuant to the memorandum of decision issued May 8, 2018 the
Department of Consumer Protection will impose a (1) one day suspension and

EITHER

_____ an additional seven day suspension

OR

_____ payment of a \$1,000.00 fine.
Please make check payable to Treasurer, State of
Connecticut.

The undersigned further waives all right of an appeal to the court with respect to
the charges listed above.

**THE SUSPENSION DATES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

Signed:

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Date _____