

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF

K&D Lounge
940 Dixwell Ave.
Hamden, Connecticut
Charlene Grear, Permittee
Kevin's Lounge LLC, Backer
Permit No. LCA-8194

October 8, 2019

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

This premises operates under a provisional café liquor permit issued by the Department of Consumer Protection ("DCP"). It operates under the trade name "K&D" and "K&D Lounge". The permit was first issued by DCP on August 30, 2019 and expires on November 27, 2019.

We find that on October 6, 2019, K& D Lounge was the scene of a stabbing within the permit premises and shooting in an area adjacent to the same premises, which resulted in at least one victim being transferred to the hospital.

Specifically, in a letter dated October 7, 2019 from Hamden Deputy Chief of Police Bo Kicak to Liquor Control Director John Suchy, Deputy Chief Kicak states that a twenty-seven year old male was stabbed multiple times in the back while inside the premise. Thereafter, at least twenty-three gun shots were fired from the parking lot. It is suspected that three or four individuals participated in the gun volley. Neither patrons nor staff from the premise contacted the police during or subsequent to the melee. Instead, the police were notified of the incident by hospital staff treating the stabbing victim. The police responded to the premises to investigate, and discovered twenty-three spent shell casings in the parking lot and evidence indicating that a crime occurred inside the premise, as well. The stabbing victim additionally confirmed to police that he was stabbed inside the premise.

In his letter, Deputy Chief Kicak reports that the police "are seeing [a] dangerous pattern occurring" at this premise, which includes "acts of violence." It is his belief that "if this establishment, K&D Lounge, continues operation it will continue to pose an absolute threat to public safety as well as being a constant drain on police resources."

We find that the October 6, 2019 stabbing and shooting, in conjunction with reports of a developing pattern of violent activity that is draining police resources, 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 café 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