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EMERGENCY SUSPENSION ORDERED FOR RBC JAZZ CLUB IN TROY State Liquor Authority Lifts License Following Repeated Assaults, Disorders

Albany, NY – The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) today issued an emergency suspension of the RBC Jazz at 46 4th Street in Troy. The suspension was ordered by Members of the SLA, Chairman Vincent Bradley and Commissioner Kevin Kim at a meeting of the Full Board on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Effective immediately, no alcohol may be served or consumed on the premises.

The suspension was ordered based on referrals from the City of Troy Police Department following an assault during the early morning hours of October 18, 2015. Troy Police officers patrolling the area report that a fight between two patrons exiting the bar escalated into a large brawl involving several additional patrons. The incident required the assistance of every on-duty Troy Police officer in addition to two units from neighboring Green Island Police to quell the disturbance. During the altercation, four police officers were injured and required hospital treatment as they struggled to restrain the assailants. Four patrons were arrested following the incident on multiple charges assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and criminal possession of a weapon.

“The SLA will not tolerate violent bars that sap city resources,” said SLA Chairman Bradley. “Unfortunately, as last weekend’s violence wasn’t an isolated incident, the SLA is compelled to take emergency action today to protect the safety of patrons, police officers and residents.”

On October 20, 2015, the SLA charged the RBC Jazz Club with four violations, including becoming a focal point for police attention, assault and failure to supervise. RBC Jazz Club was fined \$2,000 by the SLA on August 18, 2015 for a large altercation involving bar patrons occurring directly in front of the premises.

The State Administrative Procedure Act authorizes a State agency to summarily suspend a license when the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action. When the SLA summarily suspends a license, it also serves a Notice of Pleading alleging one or more disciplinary violations.

In invoking a summary suspension, the SLA has deemed the violation to be sufficiently serious upon initial review to warrant an immediate suspension. The SLA's decision to summarily suspend a license is not a final determination on the merits of the case. The licensee is entitled to an expedited hearing before an impartial administrative law judge. An order of summary suspension remains in effect until such time as it is modified by the SLA or a reviewing Court.

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