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SLA ORDERS EMERGENCY SUSPENSION FOR BUFFALO BAR

Albany, NY – The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) suspended the license of 4D Associates Inc., doing business as “Mojos” at 3148 Main Street in Buffalo. The suspension was ordered by Members of the SLA, Chairman Dennis Rosen and Commissioner Jeanique Greene, at a special meeting of the Full Board on Friday, May 10, 2013. Effective immediately, no alcohol may be served or consumed on the premises.

On April 21, 2013 an underage compliance detail conducted by the SLA, New York State Police and the Buffalo Police Department sent three undercover agents into Mojoes bar. Entering the bar at separate times, all of the minors were asked for ID at the door, with each providing their actual New York State Driver’s Licenses, clearly marked “Under 21.” All three minors were able to enter the bar and purchase alcohol from the bartender, who did not request ID. The SLA charged the bar with three violations for selling to a minor, and failure to provide adequate supervision. The bar has two pending cases before the SLA for six sales to minors, offering unlimited drinks, and for inadequate supervision. A hearing on these cases is scheduled for June 5, 2013.

“Cracking down on underage sales is a priority and the SLA will not hesitate in taking emergency action against licensees that blatantly and repeatedly sell to minors,” said SLA Chairman Dennis Rosen. “We will continue work with our partners in law enforcement across the state to hold licensees accountable.”

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, considering each licensee’s disciplinary history, 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 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.

The SLA regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the state. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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