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QUEENS BAR LOSES LIQUOR LICENSE
Shooting by Bouncer Ends in Summary Suspension

Queens, NY - The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) summarily suspended the license of Rancho Jubilee LLC at 23 04 94th Street in Jackson Heights. The suspension was ordered by the Members of the State Liquor Authority, Chairman Daniel B. Boyle and Commissioner Noreen Healey at an emergency meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2006.

On July 9, 2006, the New York City Police Department (NYPD) responded to a shooting involving an unregistered bouncer working at Rancho Jubilee. The bar owner admitted to not knowing whether the bouncer was properly licensed with the NYS Department of State. The NYPD referred the matter to the SLA's Rapid Enforcement Unit (REU) for investigation. The REU quickly wrapped up their investigation and forwarded the matter to the Members of the Authority. The Members determined the bar posed an imminent threat to the public and voted for suspension. Effective immediately, no alcohol can be served or consumed on the premises.

"The Members of the Liquor Authority sent a simple message to bar owners today, if you hire unlicensed, unregistered and dangerous bouncers, we will close you down," State Liquor Authority Chief Executive Officer Joshua B. Toas said.

The bar, licensed since 2002, was cited for numerous ABC Law violations including disorderly premises, serving underage and intoxicated patrons, inadequate supervision of the bar, disorder and noise. Rancho Jubilee has also been cited numerous times by the NYPD, FDNY, NYC Department of Health, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, and NYC Department of Buildings for violations found during inspections over the past two years. In addition, the bar was fined \$2,000 by the SLA in 2005.

On April 11, 2006, Governor Pataki directed the SLA to establish a Rapid Enforcement Unit to conduct priority investigations and institute prompt disciplinary action when allegations of criminal activity and serious repeat violations of the ABC Law occur. The REU coordinates with law enforcement to quickly react to emergency situations, prosecute disciplinary charges and refer matters to the Members of the Authority for action.

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

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 to address the alleged violation(s) that led to the suspension. An order of summary suspension remains in effect until such time as it is modified by the State Liquor Authority or a reviewing Court.

The State Liquor Authority 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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