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**LIQUOR AUTHORITY SUSPENDS LICENSE OF HAVERSTRAW BAR
Cocaine, Marijuana and Gambling Charges Lead to Summary Suspension**

NEW YORK – (November 1, 2006) The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) summarily suspended the license of Cayey's Place, Inc, doing business as South Street Saloon Bar and Grill at 93 Broadway in Haverstraw. The suspension was ordered by the Members of the State Liquor Authority, Chairman Daniel B. Boyle, Commissioner Lawrence J. Gedda, and Commissioner Noreen Healey at meeting of the SLA Board on Wednesday, November 1, 2006.

For the past several months the Rockland County Narcotic Task Force has investigated allegations of drug sales and possible unlawful drug use at the bar. On October 26, 2006, Rockland County Police and SLA Investigators conducted an inspection of the South Street Saloon. Fifteen packets of cocaine were found on the premises along with two bags of marijuana in a tip jar. In addition, the search found illegal gambling devices, illegal gambling paraphernalia and evidence that alcohol has been purchased alcohol from unauthorized source.

“Holding a liquor license is a privilege, and with that privilege comes the duty to run your establishment responsibly,” State Liquor Authority Chief Executive Officer, Joshua B. Toas said, “The Members of the Authority sent a clear message today, when a bar becomes a drug den, we will close them down.”

“This bar has been a thorn in the community's side for many years from the illicit traffic of illegal drugs. We appreciate the State Liquor Authority suspending the license after the in-depth investigation by Haverstraw PD and our Narcotics Task Force,” said Captain Joseph Tripodo, Narcotics Task Force.

The SLA also charged the bar with disorderly premises, failure to provide adequate supervision, availing of the license and inadequate books and records. 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 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. In invoking a summary suspension, the SLA has deemed the violation(s), 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 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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