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**SLA ORDERS EMERGENCY SUSPENSION FOR CLUB HIVE**  
**Fatal Shooting at Queens Club Leads to Suspension**

**Albany, NY** – The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) suspended the license of The Hive Sports Bar & Grill, operating as “Club Hive” at 79-21 Queens Boulevard in Elmhurst. The suspension was ordered by Members of the SLA, Chairman Dennis Rosen, Commissioner Jeanique Greene and Commissioner Kevin Kim at a special meeting of the Full Board on Monday, November 10, 2014. Effective immediately, no alcohol can be served or consumed on the premises.

The emergency suspension was ordered based on a report from the New York City Police Department (NYPD) that at approximately 4:00 am on Friday, October 31, three people were shot directly outside the club, one fatally. According to NYPD records, at approximately 3:55 am, police were dispatched to Club Hive in response to a large dispute inside the crowded club. The dispute spilled out onto the street, where a gunman fired shots into the crowd, killing a 20 year old female, and injuring a 21 year old female and a 31 year old male. Reports show all three victims were inside Club Hive just minutes prior to the shooting. The SLA charged Club Hive, originally licensed on August 19, 2014, with five violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) law, including failing to disclose an agreement reached with the NYPD not to operate as a nightclub.

“The SLA will not tolerate violent bars that threaten the safety of both patrons and residents,” said SLA Chairman Dennis Rosen. “This should serve as a message that we will not hesitate to take a license when a bar poses a danger to public safety.”

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 SLA works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the ABC Law. In addition, the SLA issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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