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**ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS RALEIGH CLUB PERMITS AFTER SHOOTING IN PARKING LOT RESULTS IN DEATH**

RALEIGH – The NC ABC Commission has suspended the permits held by a Raleigh private club after a shooting fatality that involved club employees and a patron, according to police statements.

Flashbacks Sports Bar and Lounge, 4004 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh was the scene of shots fired in the parking lot on January 19 around 4 a.m. that resulted in the death of Michael Tavon Talbert, according to law enforcement reports.

The business has held ABC permits since October 2011 and has been the reported scene of gunshots, drug violations and numerous fights since that time, according to law enforcement statements.

The summary suspension is immediate and is in effect until the case is heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The action is authorized under N.C. General Statute 150B-3(c), which directs the ABC Commission to begin hearing proceedings on the matter.

This week's action is the second summary suspension this year and is part of an ongoing focus on public health and public safety on the part of the NC ABC Commission.

In September 2013, ABC Commission Chairman Jim Gardner sent a letter to more than 1,000 businesses in North Carolina that hold permits as private clubs to sell and serve alcohol. The letter provided a recap of the regulations related to private clubs and warned club owners and operators that the Commission may impose substantial fines and penalties for ignoring the law or for allowing violence at these locations.

**ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION**

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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