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NC ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ABC PERMITS AT GREENSBORO'S VISIONS ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX

RALEIGH – After an August 16 shooting at the entrance to a Greensboro club, the NC ABC Commission summarily suspended the alcohol permits held by the business. The suspension order was served today.

Visions Entertainment Complex is located at 4927 West Market Street, Greensboro, 27407. It has held ABC permits since 2013. In addition to the August 16 shooting incident, the sworn statements by law enforcement officers and private citizens outline a history of disregard for public safety associated with the business.

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 states: "The proceedings shall be promptly commenced and determined."

This is the eighth summary suspension issued this year by the NC ABC Commission and is part of the Commission's ongoing focus on public health and public safety. 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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