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ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ALCOHOL PERMITS HELD BY LUMBERTON'S KALIPZO NIGHT CLUB AFTER SHOOTING DEATH

RALEIGH – A shooting death at Lumberton's Kalipzo Night Club last weekend has prompted the NC ABC Commission to suspend the alcohol permits held by the private club.

Two patrons were shot and one died after gunfire erupted at the club on May 31.

"Summary suspensions of ABC permits are a penalty of last resort for the ABC Commission. But locations that have a history of trouble and that have had recent incidents of deadly violence such as Kalipzo Night Club, should not be surprised to find their alcohol permits suspended," said Jim Gardner, chairman of the NC ABC Commission.

The business, located at 3551 Lackey Street, Lumberton, has held permanent alcohol permits since November 2012 and has a history of violence, according to sworn affidavits submitted to the ABC Commission.

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 is the sixth 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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