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**FATAL SHOOTING AND COMPLAINTS OF VIOLENCE CAUSE
WILMINGTON CLUB 609 TO LOSE ABC PERMITS**

RALEIGH – Club 609, the site of a fatal shooting less than one week ago, has lost its permits to sell alcohol. The Wilmington club at 4418 Market Street had held temporary ABC permits since April 2010.

In its action, the state ABC Commission rejected the business' application for permanent permits and ordered club management immediately to surrender the temporary permits that had allowed it to sell alcohol.

An agent of the State's Alcohol Law Enforcement Division served the order today. The business owners may appeal the action to the Office of Administrative Hearings within 60 days.

"A history of fighting, disorderly conduct, or other dangerous activity is part of what the Commission considers in deciding if an ABC permit is detrimental to the community. Law enforcement has documented that history at Club 609, and the Commission is taking back the temporary permits and denying the application for permanent permits. The fatal shooting this weekend is a terrible reminder that serving alcohol is too often a magnet for people inclined to dangerous and even violent acts," said NC ABC Commission Chairman Jon Williams.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 19 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 more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 17,000 retail outlets across the state.
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