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## Double Shooting Triggers "Last Call" Summary Suspension for Greensboro Club

**RALEIGH** – Sworn affidavits that two patrons of a Greensboro club were shot Oct. 16, then were hidden by club personnel inside a coat closet while staff at the door tried to prevent law enforcement officers from entering and denied shots had been fired prompted the NC ABC Commission to issue a "Last Call" summary suspension of the alcohol permits held by Touch, 2803 Patterson Street Greensboro, 27407.

The summary suspension imposes an immediate suspension of alcohol permits held by the business. The action was requested by the Greensboro Police Department and the state's Alcohol Law Enforcement Division. It is authorized under N.C. General Statute 150B-3(c), which also gives the permit holder the right to file a petition to have the matter heard before an Administrative Law Judge.

"The blatant disregard for the well-being of wounded people and the attempt to hide the shootings from law enforcement officers attempting to respond to an emergency makes it clear that public safety is at risk at this establishment," said ABC Chairman Jon Williams, who signed the orders suspending the alcohol permits held by the business. "As a result, the ABC Commission is exercising its authority and duty to protect the community in matters related to alcoholic beverages and to immediately remove the permits of this business to sell alcohol."

In addition to the recent shootings, sworn affidavits by law enforcement officers state that since permanent ABC permits were issued to Touch in January 2008 there have been numerous calls for service made to the Greensboro Police Department for stabbings, discharging firearms, affrays, gunshot wounds and other disturbances at the business.

"We are working closely with the ABC Commission and local law enforcement to protect citizens and the community," said ALE Director John Ledford. "The violent activities at this business posed a clear threat and we worked together to address it."

In April, the State ABC Commission announced Last Call – a cooperative initiative with local law enforcement and ALE that streamlines the process for suspending alcohol permits of violent bars and clubs. This is the sixth summary suspension issued in the last 12 months by the state ABC Commission.

### ABOUT THE 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. In fiscal year 2010, liquor sales returned more than \$260 million in taxes and revenue to benefit the General Fund and the budgets of local cities and counties that sell spirits.

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