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## "Last Call" Summary Suspension Issued for Scotland Neck Club

**RALEIGH** – The NC Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has issued a "Last Call" summary suspension of the alcohol permits held by JJ Cafe, 115 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Scotland Neck. On Feb. 6, during the first weekend the club had been opened since a September 2010 shooting at the location, shots were fired again and a woman was trampled as panicked patrons fled the over-crowded business.

"When a business typically operates at double and triple its maximum capacity and the security staff is overwhelmed, it is time to take alcohol out of the equation," said ABC Chairman Jon Williams, who signed the orders suspending the alcohol permits. "A history of violence and serious injuries at an establishment will not be tolerated by the ABC Commission."

The summary suspension imposes an immediate suspension of alcohol permits. The action was requested by the Scotland Neck Police Department and the state's division of Alcohol Law Enforcement. It is authorized under N.C. General Statute 150B-3(c), which directs the Commission to begin proceedings on the matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

In April 2010, 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 third Last Call summary suspension of 2011 and the 12th issued since October 2009 by the state ABC Commission.

"ALE and the ABC Commission are working with local law enforcement agencies across the state to ensure that permit holders are operating in a manner that is safe and lawful," said ALE Director John Ledford.

### **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.