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**FATAL STABBING AND COMPLAINTS OF VIOLENCE  
CAUSE ROCKY MOUNT CLUB RAIN TO LOSE ABC PERMITS**

RALEIGH – Club Rain, the site of a fatal stabbing early Saturday morning, lost its permits to sell alcohol late Saturday afternoon. The Rocky Mount club at 349 Falls Road had held temporary ABC permits since October 2010.

Saturday, an agent of the state's Alcohol Law Enforcement Division reported to the ABC Commission that after the stabbing and prior to law enforcement arriving on scene, employees of the business were cleaning up in an effort to conceal physical evidence that this violent act occurred inside the club.

ALE also reported that in an incident prior to the fatal stabbing, a Rocky Mount Police officer was injured responding to a call for service at this business. Complaints of fighting and other disorderly conduct have occurred at this business when it was open, according to ALE accounts.

Based on 18B-901(c)(9)(c) the Commission directed an immediate suspension of the temporary ABC permit issued to this business. An agent of the State's Alcohol Law Enforcement Division collected the permit documents Saturday evening. The business owners may appeal the action to the Office of Administrative Hearings within 60 days of the written notice of the rejection of its application for permits; that written notice is in process of being prepared.

"The stabbing death this weekend and the history of violent, disorderly criminal activity at this business, raised serious concerns that continued acts of violence were likely if the temporary permits were not suspended immediately," said Jon Williams, chairman of the NC ABC Commission.

**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. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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