



## Alcoholic Beverage Control

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### WEEKEND SHOOTING AND PISTOL WHIPPING, COMBINED WITH VIOLENT HISTORY, CAUSE GOLDSBORO CLUB TEASER'S TO LOSE ABC PERMITS

RALEIGH – Early Sunday morning, November 6, at Teaser's of Goldsboro, one patron was shot and three others were struck in the face by a person wielding a handgun, according to law enforcement reports. The recent alleged assaults, together with a history of violence at the location, yesterday caused the state ABC Commission to take the ABC permits held since 1994 by Teaser's, 1724 US 117 Highway South, Goldsboro.

According to law enforcement affidavits citing numerous incidents of violence, the business has become increasingly dangerous. In response, representatives of the Goldsboro Police Department and the state's division of Alcohol Law Enforcement prepared sworn statements with detailed accounts of the alleged violence and requests that the state ABC Commission issue a "Last Call" summary suspension of the ABC permits held by Teaser's.

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 fourth Last Call summary suspension of permanent ABC permits in 2011 (plus two suspensions of temporary permits) and the 13th Last Call issued since October 2009 by the state ABC Commission.

The summary suspension of the Goldsboro location's ABC permits 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.

"The sworn statements describing the recent incidents and the escalating violence at this location raised serious concerns at the state ABC Commission that continued violence was likely if these alcohol permits were not suspended immediately," said Zander Guy, NC ABC Commissioner. Guy signed the summary suspension order as acting 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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