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### **ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ABC PERMITS FOR FAYETTEVILLE CLUB**

RALEIGH – One man is dead and another hospitalized after a fight at a Fayetteville club that erupted in gunfire. The fatality, along with the pattern of violence reported by local law enforcement officers at the location prompted the N.C. ABC Commission Wednesday to suspend the ABC permits at Up Scales NC, located at 225 South Eastern Blvd., Fayetteville. The business has held permits to serve alcohol since 2002.

"Sworn statements from the state's Alcohol Law Enforcement officers and the Fayetteville Police Department show a pattern of violence at this location. The most recent incident resulted in a death and serious injury. As a result, the ABC Commission has ordered the alcohol permits at Up Scales NC to be suspended immediately," said Zander Guy, Chairman of the NC ABC Commission.

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 week's action is the 18th summary suspension of permanent ABC permits by the state ABC Commission since October 2009.

The summary suspension of the Fayetteville 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.

### **ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION**

North Carolina is one of 17 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 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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