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FATAL WEEKEND SHOOTING CAUSES GOLDSBORO CLUB TEASERS TO LOSE ABC PERMITS FOR SECOND TIME IN A YEAR

RALEIGH – A fatal weekend shooting inside a Goldsboro strip club prompted the state ABC Commission to take the alcohol permits from the business Friday. It is the second time in less than a year that the NC ABC Commission has issued a summary suspension for the ABC permits held since 1994 by Teasers, 1716 US 117 Highway South, Goldsboro.

Goldsboro Police Officers responding to a shooting call at the business around 1:15 a.m. Sunday found the body of Jairus Mikeal Saunders inside the club, dead from an apparent gunshot wound.

"The shooting death inside this location renews the serious concerns of the state that this is a business where guns and violence are tolerated and where alcohol permits are not appropriate," said Zander Guy, Chairman of the NC ABC Commission.

After a November 2011 "Last Call" summary suspension an Administrative Law Judge ruled in favor of the business and the permits were reinstated Nov. 23, 2011. In the 2011 incident one patron was shot and three others were struck in the face by a person wielding a handgun in the parking lot, according to law enforcement reports.

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. Today's action is the 16th summary suspension of permanent ABC permits by the state ABC Commission since October 2009.

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.

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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