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NC ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ALCOHOL PERMITS AFTER PATRON IS SHOT AND KILLED IN WINSTON-SALEM CLUB

RALEIGH – An Oct. 4 shooting death at Cue N Spirits has resulted in the immediate suspension of alcohol permits held by the business. The NC ABC Commission’s suspension order was served today. Cue N Spirits, located at 8100-H North Point Blvd, Winston Salem, has held ABC permits since 1991.

In addition to the shooting fatality, the sworn statements by law enforcement officers outline a history of violence at the location and note that there have been 197 calls for service by law enforcement from January 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014.

The summary suspension 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 states: “The proceedings shall be promptly commenced and determined.”

This is the ninth summary suspension issued this year by the NC ABC Commission and is part of the Commission’s ongoing focus on public health and public safety.

In September 2013, ABC Commission Chairman Jim Gardner sent a letter to more than 1,000 businesses in North Carolina that hold permits as private clubs to sell and serve alcohol. The letter provided a recap of the regulations related to private clubs and warned club owners and operators that the Commission may impose substantial fines and penalties for ignoring the law or for allowing violence at these locations.

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 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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