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NC ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ALCOHOL PERMITS AT CHARLOTTE CLUB AFTER FATAL SHOOTING AT LOCATION

RALEIGH – A shooting inside a Charlotte club in the early hours of Sunday morning that resulted in the death of a club patron has prompted the immediate suspension of the alcohol permits held by the business. Club Lust at 124 Atando Ave. received temporary ABC permits on May 1, 2015, and has held its current ABC permits since December 8, 2015.

Though club management initially denied the relationship, an employee of the business working as security staff allegedly fired the gun that resulted in the death of a club patron, according to the sworn statements of Alcohol Law Enforcement agents and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police officers.

The location has experienced a pattern of violence in the past 12 months, including multiple incidents of assault and a rape, according to law enforcement reports.

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 second 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.

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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