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City Shuts Down East Side Bar Following Two Shootings, History of Violence, and Liquor Law Violations

Bar had seen two shooting incidents and 14 calls for service since reopening without a liquor permit in June 2025

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the Property Action Team secured a temporary restraining order to shut down an illegal bar located at 5200 Riding Club Lane going by the names “Atlas,” “LV Lounge,” and “De La Soul.” The business has a history of violent crime, liquor law violations, and two recent shooting incidents.

“This bar has been the scene of two shooting incidents just this summer, and already has a long history of violence and other serious disturbances to the neighborhood,” said Property Action Team attorney Sophie R. Yano. **“We had no choice but to step in quickly and shut it down to protect public safety.”**

In 2022, the City filed a lawsuit against 5600 Naiche LLC and prior tenants of the premises. The case alleged public nuisance conditions including shootings, shots fired, fights/disturbances, stabbings, criminal damages, and loud noise. At that time, the business was also operating without a valid liquor permit. The case resulted in an agreed court order and judgement entry being signed and filed with the court in August 2022.

In January 2023, the City filed a motion for contempt and requested an emergency hearing due to continued criminal activity and violations of the court order. This was later withdrawn, as the premises voluntarily closed.

Despite not having a liquor permit, the Columbus Division of Police began to receive calls indicating the premises was back open for business in June 2025.

Since August 1, 2023, CPD has received approximately fifteen calls for service at the premises, including five calls for disturbances, two calls for shootings, two calls for shots fired, and one call for a person with a gun. Fourteen of those were received after June 10, 2025.

In July 2025, CPD received a call for a person with a gun at the premises. The caller indicated that security guards were carrying assault rifles and spraying mace into the air around a group of people and pointing the weapons at the crowd. Shortly thereafter a second caller indicated that the three security guards at the premises were all carrying AR-15 assault rifles and

threatening people. Members of CPD's Gang Unit responded and pulled over a vehicle leaving the parking lot of the premises. Juveniles were driving the vehicle and a gun was recovered. The officers were in the process of arresting the juvenile for weapons possession when they heard upwards of twenty shots fired coming from the direction of the premises. The shooter was not apprehended but was reported to be the security guards.

Later in July 2025, CPD received a call that employees were serving alcohol to minors.

Following two weekends of activity at the premises, CPD officers discovered a publicized event scheduled for August 1, 2025. That evening, officers were patrolling the area and stopped to check with security when they heard shots fired in the rear of the premises. Other officers were called for backup. The officers found three victims suffering gunshot wounds. Two of the three victims were juveniles.

A follow up hearing in this case is scheduled for August 20, 2025.

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