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## City Attorney Zach Klein Announces Agreement for Safety Improvements at Hilltop Bar Plagued by Gun Violence

*Says ownership at Cain's Sports Bar agrees to close earlier, hire more security and allow police and fire to assess safety and security protocols*

**COLUMBUS, OH**— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced that the City secured a preliminary injunction in the Franklin County Environmental Court ordering safety and security upgrades at Cain's Sports Bar located in the Columbus Hilltop neighborhood. The bar was the scene of a double homicide where four individuals were shot in July 2022. In March 2023, three people were shot following a fight outside the bar around 2:30 a.m.

**"Guns and alcohol are a bad mix that turn bar fights into deadly situations. With violence spilling out into the streets and threatening public safety, it was imperative that the City step in, hold bar owners accountable for this troubling behavior, and make sure they work with the experts at CPD and CFD to improve safety and security for patrons, employees and the surrounding neighborhood,"** said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

Under the terms of the agreed order, bar owners are shutting down operations earlier, hiring more security and allowing full police and fire security assessments to determine future safety and security plans to protect public safety.

**"The City is willing to work with owners to improve security, but we won't hesitate to take appropriate legal action if problems persist or owners are no longer cooperating. It's a matter of public safety,"** said Assistant City Attorney Sarah Pomeroy, the City's chief attorney assigned to problem bars.

For the next four weeks, bar owners have agreed to cease alcohol sales by 1:30 a.m. and close the premises by 2 a.m. The bar must also hire properly licensed security or off-duty Columbus police officers from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday to Sunday and reassess security staffing levels one year following the signing of the order.

Additionally, CPD is now authorized to arrest and trespass all non-employees loitering after bar close. Bar owners must also submit to CPD and CFD security assessments of the property and operations.

**“Neighbors in the Hilltop are rightly concerned about the levels of violence in and around this bar. While this agreement is a step forward, the City’s focus will remain on this bar to see that safety and security are a top priority—or we will take further action,”** said Assistant City Attorney Zach Gwin, Zone attorney for the City’s west side neighborhoods, including the Hilltop.

The City and Cain’s ownership are scheduled to meet on June 29, 2023, for a status conference.

[A copy of the agreed order is attached.](#)

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