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### **EMERGENCY SUSPENSION ISSUED FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY BAR** **License Suspended Following Cocaine Sales, Prostitution Charges and Fights**

**Albany, NY** – The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) issued an emergency suspension of 360 West Route 59 Corp, known locally as the “Player’s Club” at 360 West Route 59 in Nanuet. The suspension was ordered by Members of the SLA, Chairman Dennis Rosen, Commissioner Jeanique Greene and Commissioner Noreen Healey at a meeting of the Full Board on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. Effective immediately, no alcohol may be served or consumed on the premises.

The decision to suspend the license is based on police referrals recently sent to the SLA from the Clarkstown Police Department detailing the establishment condoned illegal drug activity and prostitution, as well as being the site of several violent incidents. Violations over the past year include four separate occasions where an undercover police officer was able to purchase cocaine, one incident where an officer was propositioned by two of the club’s dancers for sex, and a violent altercation on January 16, 2011 where four victims were stabbed. The bar was charged with sixteen separate violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control law including permitting the trafficking of controlled substances, paying employees off the books, employing unregistered bouncers, total lack of supervision, and employing dancers to induce patrons to purchase alcohol at inflated prices.

“Bars where serious violations such as drug sales, prostitution and violence occur will lose the privilege of holding a liquor license,” said SLA CEO Trina Mead. “The SLA will continue working with the Clarkstown Police and our partners in law enforcement across the state to hold licensees accountable.”

Prior violations for 360 West Route 59 Corp. include a \$1,500 penalty in 2005 for a sale to a minor and a \$4,000 penalty in 2008 for submitting a false statement on a personal questionnaire. The bar also has a pending case with twelve violations of the ABC law, including charges for lewd and indecent performance, permitting drug trafficking and lack of supervision. The licensee received a cancellation of a previous license, the Sport Cup at 404 Nanuet Mall. In

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addition, the licensee owns The Sport Cup II, which received a \$7,000 penalty in 2005 and has an open disciplinary matter pending for failure to notify the SLA regarding the licensee's arrest.

**Background:**

The State Administrative Procedure Act authorizes a State agency to summarily suspend a license when the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action. When the SLA summarily suspends a license, it also serves a Notice of Pleading alleging one or more disciplinary violations. In invoking a summary suspension, the SLA has deemed the violation, considering each licensee's disciplinary history, to be sufficiently serious upon initial review to warrant an immediate suspension. The SLA's decision to summarily suspend a license is not a final determination on the merits of the case. The licensee is entitled to an expedited hearing before an administrative law judge. An order of summary suspension remains in effect until such time as it is modified by the State Liquor Authority or a reviewing Court.

The State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the state. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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