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**TWO CAPITAL REGION BARS LOSE LIQUOR LICENSES**  
**Liquor Authority Terminates Licenses of Hudson Duster in Troy and Mardi Gras in Albany**

*Albany, NY*- On Tuesday, April 4, 2006, the Members of the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA), Chairman Daniel B. Boyle and Commissioner Lawrence J. Gedda, made a determination to revoke the license of West Lane Associates Inc. doing business as "Hudson Duster" at 40 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Troy and cancel the license of BJT of New York Inc. doing business as "Mardi Gras" at 418 Broadway in Albany.

"Bar owners who do not take the responsibility of having a liquor license seriously will lose the privilege," said Chairman Daniel B. Boyle. "The State Liquor Authority will continue in its efforts to ensure public safety by preventing sales to minors and by acting against disorderly bars. There can be no compromise when the public's health and safety are in jeopardy."

On Tuesday, March 28, 2006, the Members of the SLA summarily suspended the licenses of these two bars based on the threat their continued operation posed to the public. The licensees, through their attorney, offered to settle the cases.

The Members of the Authority accepted a "No Contest" plea from the owners of the Hudson Duster to violations involving an alleged assault at the bar on March 11, 2006 and seven additional pending charges, including four for disorderly premises. In exchange, the owner agreed to a license revocation, a two year proscription on the premises and a bond claim. A revocation under the ABC Law bars the licensee from holding any liquor license for two years. The proscription prohibits the issuance of a liquor license for any part of the building for two years.

The Members of the Authority accepted a "No Contest" plea from the owner of Mardi Gras to violations involving the sale and consumption of alcohol by minors on March 2-3, 2006 and four pending charges involving underage sales. In exchange, the owner agreed to a license cancellation and a \$5,000 civil penalty. A cancellation of a liquor license terminates the license immediately, but does not ban the licensee or the premises from applying for a license for two years.

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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