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Re: Business License for Prive nightclub

cc: Jacqueline Holloway

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July 27, 2009

To Whom It May Concern;

I, Ronald Lyons was employed by Prive Nightclub between January of 2008 and May of 2008, where I served as Head of Security. My direct supervisors were both Frank Tucker and Greg Jamalowich who are operating managers for the nightclub. I had worked with both of them during my time at Pure nightclub where I was a security lead from January of 2006 until starting at Prive.

It has come to my attention that I am being accused of causing the nightclub to lose its liquor license due to actions from the night of May 13, 14 of 2008. The purpose of this letter is to inform those involved that the information given regarding the events of the night in question is completely false.

The first and perhaps the most important part of the accusations are regarding the gaming officers entering the nightclub. Not only was I not at the entrance of the nightclub on that night but I never had the responsibility of any control at the front entrance. The gentleman who was at the front was named Joe (his last name escapes me). He along with Christian was the regular front door staffs who were responsible for letting people in the front and checking ID's. They were closely monitored by both Frank Tucker and Greg Jamalowich and the ultimate decision of who came in the club was made by either of those two. On many occasions I was called on the radio to come to the front and remove a guest who was denied entrance to the nightclub, which is the only capacity I served at the front door. Casino cameras could be used to verify this information, especially with regards to the specific night in question. So it is impossible that I refused to let the gaming control into the club.

When they did enter Joe did announce on the radio that metro had entered the club and that they were somewhat belligerent when entering. He explained what they looked like and spotted them in the club. I approached them and introduced myself with a business card and offered them my assistance. Neither of them said a word as they quickly flashed their badges at me and put them back and continued to look at the crowd, not even acknowledging that I existed. So as politely as I could, I informed them that this was a private party and even as off duty metro officers they would still need to have an invitation. At this point the gentleman turned towards me and immediately began yelling at me with profanity that I had no right to tell them where to go and that he was going to take this up with Frank Tucker. At this point they had still not identified themselves as gaming even after they heard me mention about off duty metro officers. So given the precarious situation already, I simply let them know that I was not trying to stop them from doing anything, if they were on duty metro officers I would be happy to assist them but they still continued to be belligerent towards me making it impossible to communicate with them. So I finally just asked them for their business cards if they had them, which they produced mentioning again that they would be talking to Frank Tucker. I then left and immediately called Frank Tucker and left him a voice mail regarding what happened.

When I finally got into the light and saw the cards, I then realized that they were gaming. By then Frank was already on his way as they had called him as well. At one point, I went up to the gentleman who I had been talking to and apologized if there had been a miscommunication and let him know that I assumed they were metro officers just trying to use their identity to crash a private party. He was very cordial and said he understood and that was the end of my involvement with them.

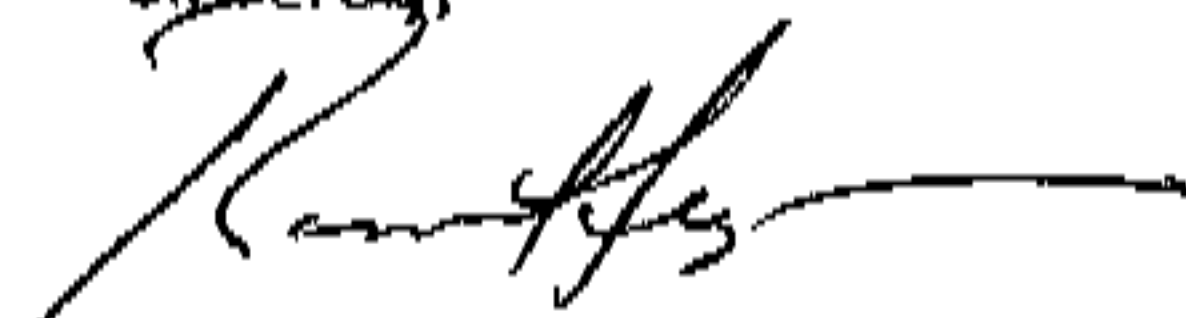
The party was a private swinger's party that was booked by the nightclub. I was never involved with booking entertainment or private parties – only supplying the security. On this particular night, I had brought in extra security knowing what kind of party it would be. I was on the radio all night constantly communicating with security to keep the patrons under control and not allowing any illegal activities. Earlier in the week when I found out about the party I had even advised Frank and Greg that it might not be a good idea to have this kind of party. Ultimately the club received citations, one due to the nudity and the other due to interfering with gaming, neither of which I had any control over and the latter was not even a factor at the entrance nor in the club. I tried to explain to Frank Tucker the next day what really happened but he was not willing to listen to me and instead terminated me.

I am very passionate when doing my job and never am disrespectful of authority. Have I made mistakes? Of course, I am not perfect. However, regarding the night in question, I would never act in a manner that would be disrespectful towards authority. I always did whatever Greg and Frank asked of me even if it was something that I did not feel comfortable with, such as not letting Blacks in on Friday and Saturday nights. This was a directive that was given to me at the meetings during the day and it was made very clear to me that they were allowed on Monday nights because there were rappers then but on the weekends they wanted more of a white crowd. This was very uncomfortable to me especially when I had to tell the people who were in on Monday night that they couldn't come in on Friday, since inevitably they would try to come on the weekends as well. I was also told multiple times to pat down and do a full search of the VIP hosts at the end of the night to ensure they were turning in all of their tip money. This was also very uncomfortable for me but I did it because this was the directive given to me by Frank and Greg.

I by no means am a vindictive person nor do I wish ill will on anyone, however if facts are going to be twisted or even fabricated at my expense, I will not just stand by and allow that. It needs to be known what really transpires when management abuse their authority at the expense of the well being of others.

If there are any further questions for me, I can be reached at 702-235-4369. This is my cell number and a message can be left if unable to reach me. I currently live and am employed as a manager for Applebees in Carson City, NV so am not in the Las Vegas area.

Sincerely,



Ronald Lyons

July 27, 2009

(Addendum)

To Whom It May Concern:

The following is a continuation from my previous letter and includes pertinent information. During my time as Head of Security, one of my responsibilities was to ensure no illegal activities were being conducted by the patrons or the employees, primarily drug use. On many occasions patrons would be attempting to use or buy drugs such as marijuana or cocaine. Anytime this happened I immediately escorted them from the club with the assistance of my security. Any security or other staff caught not cooperating or being involved with the said patrons would also be escorted and taken to the EMC for drug testing.

On multiple occasions patrons would tell me that they knew Greg Jamalowich or Frank Tucker and I was told by Greg and Frank that if anyone mentioned their names, I needed to check with them first. Greg and/or Frank would let me know if I should escort the patron out or not which happened countless times and the patron would be allowed to stay in the club. At one point I was told regarding regular patrons who came in spending money who would do drugs, to just let them be because they are spending a lot of money.

On multiple occasions when I would go to the back kitchen area of the club, Frank Tucker would be in the back with some of the patrons and there was a very obvious, distinct smell of marijuana filling the space. I was told to just ignore it if it was in the kitchen area. It was very difficult holding to a double standard since I was very adamant with my security that no one was allowed in the club if they were caught doing drugs. Whenever a cocktail waitress or security informed me of drug use and I had to tell them I was not kicking the patron out, it was a very difficult situation. The standard response from Greg or Frank was always the same – "it's not worth it to kick them out, they are spending too much money, just don't worry about it."

Again, my intentions are not to be misconstrued as vindictive as I do not even live in Las Vegas nor do I work in the night club environment any longer. I simply want to ensure that if someone is trying to use my name in a negative way to better themselves and give false information about my character, I am there to defend myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Lyons", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ronald Lyons