

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSING

CRIMINAL RECORD/ORDINANCE VIOLATION/INCIDENTS SYNOPSIS

DATE: 12/27/23

LICENSE TYPE: Class B Tavern

NEW:

RENEWAL:

No. 358455

Application Date:

License Location: 3535 W. Villard Avenue

Business Name: Uptown Bar and Grill

Licensee/Applicant: OTIS, Tonia R
(Last Name, First Name, MI)

Date of Birth: 05/28/1973

Home Address: 5253 N. Lovers Lane Road #123

City: Milwaukee

State: WI Zip Code: 53225

Home Phone: 414-469-8591

This report is written by Police Officer Monreal, assigned to the License Investigation Unit, Days.

The Milwaukee Police Department's investigation regarding this application revealed the following:

1. On 11/12/21 at 10:39pm, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 3535 W. Villard Avenue for a subject with gun compliant. Investigation revealed that the call was baseless and no person was in the tavern with a firearm.

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2. On 01/15/23 at 1:03a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shots Fired at 3535 W. Villard Av. An anonymous caller stated there was fight at the location and shots were fired. Officers did not recover any casings.
3. On 03/12/23 at 12:17a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Subject with Gun at 3535 W. Villard Av. Prior to arrival officers were advised there were underage people drinking at the tavern, 20-30 people fighting, as well as subject's with guns. On arrival officers observed vehicles blocking the entrance to the parking lot, preventing anyone from leaving or coming. The officers interviewed the security guard, who stated no one was fighting and they are checking everyone's Id's prior to entrance. The officers also interviewed the manager on duty, who stated an artist "Big Frank" was performing, and that is why it was so crowded. The manager stated they had a total of 6 employees working. The officers attempted to contact the caller, however, did not receive an answer.

4. On 04/07/23 at 9:39a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Battery at 3535 W. Villard Av. Prior to arrival officers were advised that a subject just choked the caller. On arrival officers did not observe anyone outside the location and attempted to call the caller, however, received no answer. The front door to the business was locked and officers knocked on the door but did not receive an answer.
5. On 05/27/23 at 4:11a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shooting at N. 37th St., and W. Villard Av. Investigation revealed there was an after-set in the upper unit of 3535 W. Villard, shots were fired outside and one subject was struck. The bar was closed during the time of the investigation.
6. On 06/25/23 at 1:09a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shots Fired at 3535 W. Villard. On arrival officers checked the area and did not observe any casings or evidence of any buildings or vehicles that may have been damaged by gunfire. The officer did not contact anyone at the business.
7. On 07/09/23 at 12:49a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shots Fired at 3535 W. Villard Av. The caller stated they heard multiple shots fired; people screaming and vehicles screeching away. Responding officers in the area also heard shots fired and recovered multiple casings in the parking lot. The officers were unable to locate the owner or employees to interview or view video surveillance.
8. On 07/18/23 at 11:11p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shots Fired at 3535 W. Villard Av. Prior to arrival officers were advised the caller heard 5-6 gunshots and heard a vehicle pull off fast near the bar. On arrival officers did not locate any casings, nor did they observe any structures or vehicles that were damaged by gunfire. The caller was anonymous and there was no phone number associated with the complaint.
9. On 08/21/23 at 12:28a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to an Underage Tavern Violation at 3535 W. Villard. The caller provided a description of the minor and stated they were drinking alcoholic beverages inside. The officers interviewed the manager, who allowed officers entry to check for any violations. The officers did not observe anyone matching the description, nor did they observe anyone that appeared to be underage.
10. On 08/27/23 at 12:37a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shots Fired at 3535 W. Villard Av. Prior to arrival officers were advised numerous callers were calling regarding hearing shots being fired; a lot of juveniles outside, people screaming and vehicle's speeding off. On arrival officers interviewed a security guard who stated the business was closed at the time of the incident, however, did state they observed occupants from two different vehicle's firing shots into the air. The responding officer's body camera was later viewed and several people were observed on the steps to the bar, as well as citizens enter and exit the "closed" bar. The body cam further revealed an officer on scene make the statement "there's a bunch of kids out here, they do not ID them". No one from the bar contacted the police regarding the incident.
11. On 09/17/23 at 3:42a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Battery at 3535 W. Villard Av. The caller stated they were assaulted by another subject outside of the bar, after confronting them inside the bar. The caller stated they did not know the subject's name and the battery call was pended. The caller later called and provided the subject's name and stated they lived upstairs from the bar and the bar frequently serves alcohol to minors.

12. On 11/11/23 at 11:26p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shots Fired at 3535 W. Villard Av., that was related to an Armed Robbery/Carjacking at 3424 W. Villard. On arrival officers interviewed the armed security guard from the bar, who stated they observed a vehicle in the parking lot, near another vehicle. As the security officer approached the vehicle, subject's in the occupied vehicle fired shots at him. The security officer stated they then returned fire, causing the driver to crash into the security guard's vehicle. The subjects then fled the scene. The officers were unable to view video surveillance of the incident as the doors to the business were locked by an unknown person, while officers were investigating and the security guard did not have access to the surveillance system.
13. On 11/12/23 at 3:08p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shooting at 3535 W. Villard Ave. On arrival officers interviewed the caller who stated she and a friend went to the bar to confront an ex-boyfriend about a new girlfriend. An argument began to escalate outside the bar, when two subjects exited the bar with guns and multiple shots were fired. The caller stated their friend stated they were shot; however, the caller did not see any blood and their friend left in a vehicle, assumingly to a hospital. At the time of the investigation no one reported being shot to the police, nor was anyone admitted to the hospital for a gun shot wound. The officers obtained video surveillance from a nearby business and observed the argument and a patron exit the bar with a long gun, however, it was difficult to ascertain from the video if anyone fired shots. One casing was recovered on scene.
14. On 12/17/23 at 12:42a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Welfare Check at 3535 W. Villard Av. Prior to arrival officers were advised the caller stated their underage child was inside the establishment as well as numerous other underage and firearms had been allowed. The caller also provided a description of their underage child. On arrival officers interviewed security at the door, who willingly offered to close the establishment so officers could determine if the underage was inside. As patrons left, officers did not observe anyone matching the description leave the bar. Officers attempted to call the caller back, however, there was no answer.

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749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:233530033

OtherEvent #: 23-LP-4052

Incident

3535 W VILLARD AV MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53209

Incident Date/Time:: 12/17/2023 00:05:00
 CAD Number:: 233510014
 District:: 7
 Beat:: 730
 Reporting Area:: 956

Business Agent (1)

OTIS, TONIA ROCHELLE

Person Involvement: (Must choose Agent
 AGENT from drop down): Agent
 DOB:: 05/28/1973
 Sex:: FEMALE
 Race:: BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
 Phone 1 Number:: (414)-469-8591
 Phone 1 Type:: Phone
 Address:: 5253 N LOVERS LANE RD
 Apartment or Suite:: 123
 City:: MILWAUKEE
 State:: WISCONSIN
 Zip Code:: 53225

Licensed Persons Involved (1)

SINGLETON, CARLOS JOSE

Person Involvement:: Employee
 DOB:: 01/06/1994
 Sex:: MALE
 Race:: BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
 Phone 1 Number:: (414) 748-5881
 Address:: 3645 N 40TH ST
 City:: MILWAUKEE
 State:: WISCONSIN
 Zip Code:: 53216

Licensed Premise Data (1)

UPTOWN BAR AND GRILL AKA VERSA

Address:: 3535 W VILLARD AV
 City:: MILWAUKEE
 State:: WISCONSIN
 Zip Code:: 53209
 License Type:: Alcohol
 Licensee Notification Was Made:: No
 Business Was Cited For Violation:: No
 Licensee was cooperative: (If not explain in narrative): No

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Licensee or Manager was on premises at time of violation/incident:: No

Narrative (1)

LICENSED PREMISE REPORT

Stipe, Logan J 036951

12/19/2023

This report is written by PO Logan STIPE, assigned to District 7, Late Shift, Squad 7332 with PO Andrew STEWART.

On Sunday, December 17, 2023, at approximately 12:42 AM, we were dispatched with Squad 7352 (PO Anthony DAVENPORTE and PO Corey HARRIS) to 3535 W Villard Av for a welfare check complaint regarding a female subject who called for police at approximately 12:06 AM at that same location.

Per the call notes, the caller had stated her underage daughter was inside the establishment as well as numerous other underage subjects. Additionally, per the call notes, the caller had stated that multiple people with firearms had been allowed inside the establishment. The caller gave the telecommunicator a name of Makayla WILLIAM and also provided a callback number. WILLIAM also provided the telecommunicator a description of her daughter, describing her as a 16 year-old black female named Ariana, wearing a black and white shirt, black leather pants, and black and white shoes. WILLIAM did not provide a description of herself.

Upon arrival, we attempted to call WILLIAM using the callback number in the CAD multiple times and were unable to make contact. We observed the location to be open and in operation with numerous subjects entering and leaving.

We approached the location and made contact outside with a security guard at the location, who identified himself as Carlos J SINGLETON (M/B, DOB 01/06/1994). SINGLETON stated he was unaware of any calls for police originating from the location. SINGLETON also stated that he did not know if anyone matching the description of WILLIAM's daughter was inside the establishment due to it being at maximum occupancy. SINGLETON offered to close the establishment for the night and order everyone out and allow us to observe everyone exiting to determine if WILLIAM's daughter was present. SINGLETON entered the establishment and began yelling that it was closed and that everyone needed to leave. Additionally, we overheard SINGLETON yelling that nobody could leave with drinks and that they were to leave them inside the location.

While observing the exit, a male subject exited and became verbally argumentative with us when he saw us standing outside. The male related to us that he was upset at the location closing down as he had just paid for drinks. He stated "Why y'all stopping the party? I just paid my money bro?"

We continued to observe subjects exiting the location but did not observe anyone matching WILLIAM's description of her daughter leaving the location. Additionally, no subjects exiting the location approached us and stated that they had called for police. After all subjects had exited, we remained on

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scene until they had left the area in order to be certain that no issues would arise at the location.

We did not review video footage.

We did not enter the location to observe whether or not licenses were posted or up to date.

We were not able to speak to the caller.

Report completed.

Officer (2)

Reporting Officer: Stipe, Logan J (036951) 12/19/2023 08:02:00

Section: (Work Location): 88

Approving Officer: Velasquez, Guadalupe (018673) 12/27/2023 10:22:06

Section: (Work Location): 04