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Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 12:51 PM
To: Wagner, Janice
Subject: FW: Montal's Lounge 2525 N. Holton St.

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From: Dan Knauss [mailto:dknauss@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Wed 10/31/2007 2:30 AM
To: Barron, Rebecca; D'Amato, Michael; McGovern-Rowen, Sam; McGee Jr., Michael; Hines Jr., Willie; Langley, Grant
Subject: Montal's Lounge 2525 N. Holton St.

Dear City of Milwaukee parties of interest:

We are writing to ask you to continue the good work that was started when the Licenses Committee suspended the tavern/liquor license for Montal's Lounge at 2525 North Holton Street. The license suspension (begun Sept. 26) has already had a positive effect on the area for neighbors in the surrounding Riverwest and Harambee neighborhoods.

Despite the steady decline in homicides occurring along Holton St. over the past 10 years, Montal's Lounge (formerly Luther's) has seen two local drug dealers shot dead on its doorstep with a third man wounded in the 2005 shooting. Along with ongoing complaints from neighbors and nuisance activity evident to anyone driving down Holton late at night, this bar remains *the* problem location on Holton St.

Since 2001, we have lived with our children both two blocks east and four blocks west of Holton on the 3100 block of Pierce and now the 2400 block of Palmer, a little over four short blocks west of Montal's. During this entire time we have frequently (as in 1-2 times a week) heard gunfire coming from the direction of Holton St. We regard that area as unsafe and avoid it even by car at night.

And many other residents are affected as well. Jay and Denise Treinen with their two children live just north of the bar and have been present for both homicides at its door, as have other neighbors we know like Juana Rodriguez on the east side of the street. The 2005 murder happened just after the Treinens moved into their new home, which we helped the Riverwest Investment Cooperative (RIC) rebuild as a single-family home from a condemned, burned-out, city-owned four-plex that had been destroyed by a slumlord.

This renovation was hailed as a big moment for Holton Street, with guests from the Mayor's office, Ald. D'Amato and television stations present to show some good news, for once. But today, because of the atmosphere Montal's creates, neighbors are demoralized and everyone involved in RIC has been dismayed by the bar's damage to the area's safety and value.

Along Holton St., City-funded street improvements are underway, some new businesses are operating with others still to open, and there is new mixed retail and housing development at Holton and Reservoir. Montal's Lounge stands to jeopardize this progress with its track record of gun homicides and disorderly patrons who menace the neighbors. Its proprietor, Montal Hinton, was recently convicted in municipal court of assault and battery; his court record also shows he has been continuously driving with a suspended license and a bogus plate or registration. This is not the record of someone who merits the privilege of operating a tavern anywhere in Milwaukee.

Please do not let Montal Hinton get away with his continued "not guilty" pleas to police citations, and please consider the desires of neighbors who have had to live for years with this blight. We would like to see this proprietor out of business at this location -- permanently.

Sincerely,

Dan and Sonya Knauss

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE INVESTIGATION UNIT

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TO
Ms. Rebecca Barron

FROM:
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COMPANY:
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DATE:
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RE:
Updated Attachment for Montal's

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE INVESTIGATION UNIT

CRIMINAL RECORD/ORDINANCE VIOLATION/INCIDENTS SYNOPSIS

DATE: 09/20/07

LICENSE TYPE: BTAVN

No. 13700

NEW:

Application Date: 05/29/07

RENEWAL:

Expiration Date:

License Location: Hinton, Montal L

Aldermanic District: 06

Business Name: Montal's Lounge

Licensee/Applicant: Hinton, Montal L

(Last Name, First Name, MI)

Date of Birth: 02/20/71

Male:

Female:

Home Address: 3439 N 48th Street

City: Milwaukee

State: Wi

Zip Code: 53216

Home Phone: (414) 975-4509

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

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

1. On 08/16/02 the applicant was cited by the City of Milwaukee for a Building and Zoning Violation-Exterior Wood Surface Protection. No further information available.

Charge : Exterior Wood Surface Protection
 Finding : Guilty, Municipal Court
 Sentence : \$100.00 fine
 Date : 07/31/03
 Case : 02149463

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2. On 07/29/06, applicant was charged with Violate/Harassment Restraining Order in Milwaukee County.

Charge: Violate/Harassment Restraining Order
 Finding: Guilty at Court Trial
 Sentence: Fined
 Date: 12/12/06
 Case: 06CM005498

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3. On 03/18/07 at 3:04 am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 2525 N Holton Street to check for a shooting scene. Officers spoke to Montal Hinton, licensee of Montal's Lounge, who stated he heard shots fired from outside of his tavern was closed. Hinton stated he had his security check outside to make sure no one was hurt. Security found no one outside. Investigation revealed that a shooting did occur with the victim stating to police that it occurred at 2:19 am and that the tavern was open at the time. The victim stated he was standing with security, which would not let him in the bar, when a vehicle stopped in the middle of the street with the passenger getting out of the car shooting a gun towards the bar. When police questioned Hinton as to why he didn't call police when he heard shots being fired, Hinton stated his bar was already closed for 10 minutes and he had no altercations inside the bar. When officers asked Hinson for his licenses, Hinton became irritated and rude. Officers observed cameras in the interior and exterior of the business and advised Hinton that they would need the tapes and Hinton stated he could not get them now but would give the tapes to officers the following day. Officers located two casings in front of 2520 N Holton Avenue.

4. On 05/20/07 at 1:30 am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a subject with a gun at 2525 N Holton Street. Investigation revealed that officers found the tavern to be crowded with people to the point it appeared there was no room to move. A rough head count was done and officers estimated approximately 100 to 110 patrons in the bar. Capacity is 80. The gun call was found to be baseless.

5. On 5-24-07, at 11:50PM, officers responded to area of 2500 block North Holton Street, to check the area for possible suspects for a Robbery. The officer entered Montal's Lounge, 2525 N Holton Street, and spoke to the bartender, Montal Hinton. He told the officer the suspect had not entered the premises. The officer told the subject that he needed to check the premises in order to ensure that the suspect was not present. As he checked for the suspect in an unlocked door to a storage area, which was accessible to the patrons, Hinton became argumentative and told him that the officer could not search the tavern and needed to respect him.

The officer continued the search for the suspect outside of the tavern, but returned to 2525 N Holton Street on 5-25-07, at approximately 12:00AM to obtain Hinton's name, when the officer found the entrance door locked, with patrons inside of the open tavern and business was still being conducted. When Hinton was informed that he had to keep the door to the tavern unlocked, he said something to the effect, then next time close the door. Montal was issued the following citation.

Charge: License Premises Accessible
Finding: Dismissed W/O Prejudice
Sentence:
Date: 09-20-07
Case: 07064557

6. On 06/03/07 at 2:20 am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to Holton and Wright for a Subject Wanted complaint. On arrival, officers noticed three subjects in the roadway in front of Montal's tavern, yelling obscenities causing traffic to slow down or to stop suddenly in order to prevent hitting the subjects in the roadway. As patrons would exited Montal's, they would gather and loiter in the streets, which caused traffic to back up. Investigation revealed these subjects were all patrons at Montal's and they were issued citations for Disorderly Conduct. The licensee, Montal Hinton, received a citation for Disorderly Premises.

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Charge: Disorderly Premises
Finding: Guilty
Sentence: Fined \$367.00
Date: 08/24/07
Case: 07067424

7. On 09/16/07 at 2:12 am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 2525 N Holton for a Shooting. Investigation revealed that a patron was exiting the tavern when he was shot in the back of the head. The victim died on the scene. Officers arrived on scene and were met by angry patrons who were yelling and swearing at officers. The crowd became enraged and disorderly. Patrons that were at the tavern were uncooperative and officers had to call for several more squads. Milwaukee Police had 2 sergeants, 1 Detective Lieutenant, 7 Detectives and 19 Police Officers on scene and an undeterminable amount of man-hours for this one call. The officers were able to talk with the licensee Montal Hinton and issued Hinton a citation for Disorderly Conduct by Patrons.

Charge: Disorderly Conduct by Patrons
Finding: **Court date of 11/05/07**
Sentence:
Date:
Case: Citation # 5995006-3

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Regional News Briefs

Posted: Sept. 16, 2007

Man, 24, is city's 71st homicide in 2007

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A 24-year-old man who had just left a bar became Milwaukee's 71st homicide early Sunday, police said.

The man left a bar in the 2500 block of N. Holton St. around 2:35 a.m. when someone ran up to him and fired a single shot, police said. The victim, whom police declined to name, died at the scene.

Police were seeking a suspect Sunday but offered no description.

A year ago, the city had recorded 78 homicides by Sept. 16.

Two men injured in separate stabbings

Separate stabbings, including one that involved two brothers, left two men wounded Saturday, police said Sunday.

A 59-year-old man stabbed his 66-year-old brother during a quarrel in the 1200 block of N. 21st St. The injured man was taken to a hospital and listed in critical condition, police said. The 59-year-old suspect was in custody Sunday but had not yet been charged, police said.

The second stabbing involved two friends, police said. A 35-year-old man stabbed his 34-year-old friend multiple times in the 2500 block of N. 17th St. The injured man suffered wounds to the stomach and chest and a cut to his liver. Police said he is expected to live. Police still were seeking the suspect.

17-year-old driver killed in Germantown rollover

Germantown - A 17-year-old boy was killed about 10:20 p.m. Saturday in a rollover accident at Freistadt Road just west of McCormick Drive, police said Sunday.

The driver, who was the car's only occupant, was partially ejected from the vehicle as it rolled in the south ditch at Freistadt, Germantown police said.

The boy, whose name was withheld pending notification of his family, was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.