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Chief of Police

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Alderman James Bohl
Chairman, Utilities and Licenses Committee
200 E. Wells St., Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Class "B" Tavern License Application of Geninne Rice, Overtime Lounge, 4001 W. Fond du Lac Av.

Dear Alderman Bohl,

I wish to bring to the attention of the Utilities and Licenses Committee the following information regarding the application of Geninne Rice for a Class "B" Tavern license at the Overtime Lounge, located at 4001 W. Fond du Lac Avenue. Ms. Rice applied for this license on November 11, 2003, as a sole proprietor. On January 6, 2004, the Utilities and Licenses Committee recommended the application for approval, absent any significant police information or other objection. However, on January 7, 2004, a "tavern report" was received by the License Investigation Unit regarding an incident that occurred at this premise on December 30, 2003, in which officers found that the tavern was operating without a license, and that the previous licensee had not been involved in operating the tavern for several months after leasing the premises to someone else.

Regarding the incident of December 30, 2003, officers indicate in their report that a call was received at about 9:30p.m. that the tavern was operating without a license, and upon investigation found the tavern to be open for business with an individual identified as Dexter Carter tending bar. The tavern was licensed to an Eric Taylor and expired December 19, 2003. Officers contacted Mr. Taylor who related that he had been leasing the tavern to Dexter Carter and had not been involved in the business since July (2003). Mr. Taylor believed that Carter had obtained a license to operate the tavern. Mr. Carter related to officers that he was leasing the tavern and had applied for a tavern license for this location. Citations were issued to both Carter and Taylor, and the police closed the tavern.

On January 7, 2004, Sgt. John Hogan of the License Investigation Unit reviewed the "tavern report" regarding the December 30, 2003, incident and recalled a Class "B" tavern application for this location was heard by the Utilities and Licenses Committee the day before, but that Dexter Carter was not the applicant. Further investigation of Ms. Rice's application was commenced, and has so far revealed that Dexter Carter and Geninne Rice reside together, though their relationship is unknown. Dexter Carter has a conviction record that may render him unsuitable to be granted a liquor license. Ms. Rice provided a copy of the lease for the location

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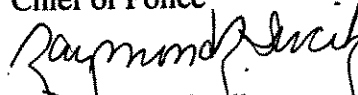
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of her tavern, which is signed by her and Mr. Taylor. Dexter Carter's name is not indicated. In addition, there have been five calls for police service to the Overtime Lounge at 4001 W. Fond du Lac Avenue between August 18, 2003 and December 10, 2003, indicating the tavern was open for business. Dexter Carter is identified as the caller in three of them.

It appears at this time that there is possibly a collusive agreement between Geninne Rice and Dexter Carter. Investigation into the matter continues. It is not known at this time whether the investigation will be concluded by the time the license application of Geninne Rice is considered for granting by the Common Council at its meeting on January 21, 2004. Therefore, absent notification from the Milwaukee Police Department that the issue of a possible collusive agreement has been satisfactorily resolved, and the recommendation of the Utilities and Licenses Committee on January 6, 2004 is not reconsidered, I am respectfully requesting the application of Geninne Rice be sent back to the Utilities and License Committee for review.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Police



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