

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSING

CRIMINAL RECORD/ORDINANCE VIOLATION/INCIDENTS SYNOPSIS

DATE: 08/01/23

LICENSE TYPE: Class B Tavern

NEW:

RENEWAL:

No. 345291

Application Date:

License Location: 626 S 5th St

Business Name: Walker Lounge & Events

Licensee/Applicant: MARTINEZ, Felipe
(Last Name, First Name, MI)

Date of Birth: 04/18/1984

Home Address: 1016 W. Madison Street

City: Milwaukee

State: WI Zip Code: 53204

Home Phone: 414-731-2711

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

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

1. The applicant is on Federal Supervision. Email notification to US Probation Eastern District on 05/08/2019 requesting they provide information to the License Division regarding the probation/parole status and the end date of the status.

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2. On 07/27/2019 at 9:00pm officers conducted a licensed premise check at Walker's Lounge, 626 S 5th St. The applicant was on scene and stated he was not open to the public but was having a quinceanera for a relative. He stated he was not serving alcohol and he was allowed to have a private party. There was a live band playing and the officer advised to close the doors as the night got later. The applicant was cooperative with the officer.
3. On 08/10/2019 at 10:20pm officers conducted a licensed premise check at Walker's Lounge, 626 S 5th St. The applicant was on scene and stated he was not open to the public but was having a private birthday party. The applicant stated he was not serving alcohol but the party had carried in its own beer. There was music playing and subjects dancing. The applicant was cooperative with the officers.

Items #2 & 3 heard at 12/03/2019 meeting for Change of Entertainment

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4. On 01/29/21 at 11:00pm, Milwaukee Police, along with an Environmental Health Specialist, conducted a license premise at 626 S. 5th Street. Officers and the specialist observed patrons not practicing social distancing, not wearing masks, and standing/dancing. The specialist said he will be issuing three citations. The applicant was cooperative during the investigation. (no citations were found regarding this incident).
5. On 06/09/21 at 1:44am, Milwaukee Police, while on patrol, observed a huge crowd and approximately 80 vehicles blocking traffic at 626 S. 5th Street. While on scene, officers observed patrons walking in traffic, vehicles blaring loud music, and motorcycles operating on the sidewalk. Security staff told officers that there were several subjects brandishing firearms outside the tavern and one of the first squads on scene had trash/debris throw at the wagon.
6. On 06/16/21 at 12:40am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 626 S. 5th Street for a shots fired complaint. Upon arrival, officers observed approximately 20 people running away from the location and speeding off in their vehicles. A security guard was interviewed and he told officers that there was a "scuffle" inside the tavern and they got the people involved out of the business, but there were no shots fired. Officers attempted to talk with the manager but she was extremely uncooperative and stated that she did not hear or see a fight. All other security guards said they were not inside the business and did not see anything.
7. On 10/05/21 at 10:15pm, Milwaukee Police, while on patrol in the 200 block of W. Virginia Street, heard several gunshots coming from the southwest of their location. Squads went to investigate the shots fired and were flagged down at S. 5th Street and W. Bruce Street who informed police that someone had been shot outside 626 S. 5th Street. Investigation revealed that the incident appears to be a road rage incident between two vehicles and the victim of the shooting was eating food on the patio of the tavern and was not involved in the argument. The applicant was cooperative during the investigation and provided video footage to officers.

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8. On 02/07/22 at 10:30am, a Meeting was held at the Second District with officials from the City of Milwaukee and the applicant of 626 S. 5th Street. Topics of discussion were Parking, Security, promoters, and the needs of the neighborhood. Regarding parking, the applicant says they no longer have issues with the nearby church and has security monitor their parking lot. In addition to the security in the parking lot, he has security conduct searches and scan identification cards, as well as have them dress in a similar uniform. The applicant has been in talks with other taverns and has suggested getting a security vehicle to monitor the area. The applicant will continue to have promoters but they will conduct themselves according to his rules. He also realizes the changing demographics of the neighborhood and may need to change his business to meet the needs of the neighborhood.
9. On 02/26/22 at 12:00am, a patron of 626 S. 6th Street stated they parked their vehicle near the premise and left their firearm in the vehicle. Upon their return, they noticed their vehicle was broken into and a firearm was stolen. The victim went to a Police District Station and reported the theft.
10. On 03/04/22 at 8:41pm, Milwaukee Police conducted a license premise check because they observed traffic cones blocking public parking spaces in front of 626 S. 5th Street. Officers told employees that they could not reserve public parking spaces in front of their establishment and they removed the cones. Follow up was done on a later date and there were no traffic cones in the street and the staff was cooperative with police.

11. On 04/18/22 at 12:00am, a patron of 626 S. 6th Street stated they parked their vehicle near the premise and left their firearm in the vehicle. Upon their return, they noticed their vehicle was broken into and a firearm was stolen. The victim went to a Police District Station and reported the theft.
12. On 04/23/22 at 1:14am, Milwaukee Police was flagged down for a trouble with subject at 626 S. 5th Street. Investigation revealed that security was removing a group of subjects from the tavern for being disorderly and two subjects began arguing with them. An altercation ensued between the subjects and security and the subjects left. All staff of the establishment was cooperative.
13. On 06/10/22 at 9:20pm, Milwaukee Police, along with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, conducted a license premise check at 626 S. 5th Street. The only violations found were that they only had current receipts for alcohol purchased (they need to have two years' worth) and they had Hookah Pods that contained Nicotine. The pods were confiscated. The applicant was on scene and cooperative during the investigation.
14. On 06/20/22 at 2:00am, a patron of 626 S. 6th Street stated they parked their vehicle near the premise and left their firearm in the vehicle. Upon their return, they noticed their vehicle was broken into and a firearm was stolen. The victim went to a Police District Station and reported the theft.
15. On 07/17/22 at 1:00am, a patron of 626 S. 6th Street stated they parked their vehicle near the premise and left their firearm in the vehicle. Upon their return, they noticed their vehicle was broken into and a firearm was stolen. The victim went to a Police District Station and reported the theft.
16. On 08/19/22 at 12:01am, a patron of 626 S. 6th Street stated they parked their vehicle near the premise and left their firearm in the vehicle. Upon their return, they noticed their vehicle was broken into and a firearm was stolen. The victim went to a Police District Station and reported the theft.
17. On 09/16/22 at 11:00pm, a patron of 626 S. 6th Street stated they parked their vehicle near the premise and left their firearm in the vehicle. Upon their return, they noticed their vehicle was broken into and a firearm was stolen. The victim went to a Police District Station and reported the theft.
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19. On 09/24/22 at 12:59am, a patron of 626 S. 6th Street stated they parked their vehicle near the premise and left their firearm in the vehicle. Upon their return, they noticed their vehicle was broken into and she was missing shoes, a bag, nail tools, and U.S. Currency. The victim called the police.
20. On 09/30/22 at 11:00pm, a patron of 626 S. 6th Street stated they parked their vehicle near the premise and left their firearm in the vehicle. Upon their return, they noticed their vehicle was broken into and two firearms were stolen. The victim went to a Police District Station and reported the theft.

21. On 10/01/22 at 1:00am, Milwaukee Police, while on patrol, observed four vehicles obstructing traffic in front of 626 S. 5th Street. Officers asked security about the vehicles and they told officers that the operators of the vehicles had paid for parking and were waiting to enter the parking lot of the establishment. Police blocked the streets in order to alleviate the traffic congestion and security removed the vehicles into the parking lot.
22. On 11/19/22, Milwaukee Police took a report of an entry to auto which occurred at 400 W. Bruce Street. The auto was entered the night before or the early morning hours of 11/19/22 and the victim's firearm was taken. Investigation revealed that the victim parked his vehicle at the location and went to the tavern located at 626 S. 6th Street. When he returned his vehicle had been broken into and his firearm was stolen. The firearm was later recovered in the trunk of a homicide victim's vehicle.
23. On 12/08/22 at 1:30pm, Milwaukee Police conducted a meeting with tavern owners and the Association President in Walker's Point. The meeting was to discuss theft from motor vehicles, patron conduct, staggered closing time, sharing security personnel, bring back the South 5th Street Festival, and having a traffic study done on S. 5th Street. Attendees stated that they were generally content with the Milwaukee Police Departments current present level in the area.
24. On 01/01/23 at 2:48am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 626 S. 5th Street for a shooting compliant. Investigation revealed that a fight happed inside the tavern and one of the subjects produced a firearm and shot two people. The fight resumed outside and more shots were fired. One casing was found inside the establishment and three were located outside, directly in front of the tavern. The applicant told officers that he will no longer employ the security company since they failed to pat down patrons correctly. As of this report, officers have been unable to retrieve surveillance video of the incident.
25. On 01/03/23, Milwaukee Police did draft and submit a "Notice of Nuisance Premises" designation for the address of 626 S. 5th Street.

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26. On 01/15/23 at 12:20a.m., Milwaukee Police were patrolling the 600 block of S. 5th St., when they observed several illegally parked vehicles, as well as a traffic jam in front of 626 S. 5th St. Officers further observed the music was a level that could be heard a block away. At closing time, patrons exiting were loud and boisterous. The officer spoke to the agent and advised him of the patrons' behavior and the necessity to have staff control patrons upon exiting the premise.
27. On 06/23/23 at 12:30a.m., Milwaukee Police were on patrol in the area of W. Bruce St., and S. 5th St., when they could hear loud music coming from 626 S. 5th St. The officer approached the business and found the front door of the business to be open. The officer drove a block north of the business and could still hear the music. The officer further observed multiple vehicles parked both occupied and unoccupied in front of the business, impeding traffic.

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:230150004

OtherEvent #: 23-LP-0063

Incident

626 S 5TH ST MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53204

Incident Date/Time:: 01/15/2023 12:20:00
CAD Number:: 230150017
District:: 2
Beat:: 222

Business Agent (1)

MARTINEZ, FELIPE JR

Person Involvement: (Must choose Agent
AGENT from drop down):
DOB:: 04/18/1984
Sex:: MALE
Race:: WHITE
Phone 1 Number:: (414)-731-2711
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 1016 W MADISON ST
City:: MILWAUKEE
State:: WISCONSIN
Zip Code:: 53204

Licensed Premise Data (1)

WALKER'S LOUNGE MKE

Phone 1 Number:: (414)-312-7563
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 626 S 5TH ST
City:: MILWAUKEE
State:: WISCONSIN
Zip Code:: 53204
License Type:: Alcohol
Licensee Notification Was Made:: No
Business Was Cited For Violation:: No
Licensee was cooperative: (If not explain in narrative): No
Licensee or Manager was on premises at time of violation/incident:: No

Narrative (1)

INITIAL INVESTIGATION

Hernandez Flores, Victor 035684

01/15/2023

This report is written by Police Officer Victor HERNANDEZ-FLORES, assigned to District Two, Late Power Shift, Squad 2465.

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:230150004

OtherEvent #: 23-LP-0063

On Saturday January 15, 2023, Squad 2465 (PO ESPITIA and I) were patrolling on S 5th Street which is located in the City and County of Milwaukee.

As we patrolled the 600 block of S 5th Street, I initially observed several illegally parked vehicles on the street in front of Walker's Lounge (626 S 5th Street) due to their parking lot being full. I also observed multiple traffic jams caused by cars going in and out of the establishment's parking lot.

As we approached the establishment, I observed cones set up for by employees of the establishment for reserved parking. I proceeded to call parking enforcement to fine illegally parked vehicles in the vicinity of the establishment. While in front of the establishment the music coming from the club was loud in volume and could also be heard from a block away.

When the establishment closed for the night, I observed multiple groups of patrons in front of the establishment, and near its parking lot, behaving in loud and boisterous manners.

We spoke to the owner of the establishment Felipe MARTINEZ (W/M 04/18/1984) at closing time and advised him his patrons were loud and boisterous in public. We advised MARTINEZ to have his staff control the crowd and to tell patrons to leave and not stand and loiter outside the premises after the establishment closes for the night.

Officer (2)

Reporting Officer:	Hernandez flores, Victor (035684)	01/15/2023 00:33:00
Section: (Work Location):	24	
Approving Officer:	Stachoviak, Daniel W (017600)	01/17/2023 04:41:37
Section: (Work Location):	24	

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:231740013

OtherEvent #: 23-LP-2180

Incident

626 S 5TH ST MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53204

Incident Date/Time:: 06/23/2023 00:53:00
CAD Number:: 231740065
District:: 2
Beat:: 222
Reporting Area:: 5170

Business Agent (1)

MARTINEZ, FELIPE JR

Person Involvement: (Must choose Agent
AGENT from drop down):
DOB:: 04/18/1984
Sex:: MALE
Race:: WHITE
Phone 1 Number:: (414)-731-2711
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 1016 W MADISON ST
City:: MILWAUKEE
State:: WISCONSIN
Zip Code:: 53204

Licensed Premise Data (1)

WALKER'S LOUNGE MKE

Phone 1 Number:: (414)-312-7563
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 626 S 5TH ST
City:: MILWAUKEE
State:: WISCONSIN
Zip Code:: 53204
License Type:: Alcohol
Licensee Notification Was Made:: No
Business Was Cited For Violation:: No
Licensee was cooperative: (If not explain in narrative): No
Licensee or Manager was on premises at time of violation/incident:: No

Narrative (1)

LICENSED PREMISE REPORT

Marquez, Michael J 036312

06/23/2023

This report is written by PO Michael MARQUEZ, SQUAD 2340, assigned to District 2, Late Shift.

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:231740013

OtherEvent #: 23-LP-2180

On Friday, June 23rd, 2023, at approximately 12:30 AM, while on routine patrol, I was patrolling the area of S. 5th St and W. Bruce St, I could hear loud music coming from the business of Walker's Lounge MKE (626 S. 5th St). As I approached the business, I observed the front door of the business to be open with the music playing at a loud volume coming out from the business. I drove a block down, northbound of the business and I could still hear the loud music coming from the business.

There were multiple vehicles parked and occupied in front of the business on the streets. The vehicles were impeding traffic.

No contact was made with business agents, employees or security personnel and it was not documented on squad or body camera due to me being dispatched to aide SQUAD 2341 with a foot pursuit at 12:42 AM. I traveled back to 626 S. 5th St afterwards and the noise level was down significant and there were no cars in the streets.

END OF REPORT

Officer (2)		
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Reporting Officer:	Marquez, Michael J (036312)	06/23/2023 07:15:00
Section: (Work Location):	23	
Approving Officer:	Albert, Joshua G (019226)	06/28/2023 07:19:35
Section: (Work Location):	23	