

## Lopez, Faviola

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**From:** Thoreson, Niel - DOC <Niel.Thoreson@wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026 3:12 PM  
**To:** Cooney, Jim  
**Cc:** Lopez, Faviola; Lawrence, William B - DOC  
**Subject:** RE: City of Milwaukee License Request: RAY, MICHAEL, #520768

Hello. Sorry about that. Please ignore the subsequent letter and defer to the letter that indicates licensure would be in violation. Thank you.

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**From:** Cooney, Jim <Jim.Cooney@milwaukee.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026 3:05 PM  
**To:** Thoreson, Niel - DOC <Niel.Thoreson@wisconsin.gov>  
**Cc:** Lopez, Faviola <Faviola.Martin@milwaukee.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: City of Milwaukee License Request: RAY, MICHAEL, #520768

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Good afternoon,

Mr. Ray also applied for a new tavern license at 5048 N 35th St earlier this year. We received a letter from the DOC dated 3/3/26 that licensure would be in violation of the terms of his release because licensure. Should this letter supersede the March letter both locations?

Thanks,

Jim Cooney  
License Division Manager  
200 E Wells St Room 105, Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 286-2238



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**From:** Thoreson, Niel - DOC <Niel.Thoreson@wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026 10:12 AM  
**To:** Cooney, Jim <Jim.Cooney@milwaukee.gov>  
**Subject:** City of Milwaukee License Request: RAY, MICHAEL, #520768

Good morning. Please see the attached. Thank you.

**Niel L. Thoreson**  
**Regional Chief – Region 3 (Milwaukee County) DCC (Probation & Parole)**

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# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Governor Tony Evers / Secretary

Division of Community Corrections / Region 3 Office

Date: 5/13/2026  
To: Milwaukee Common Council/Licensing Division  
From: Bill Lawrence – Corrections Field Supervisor

It was brought to my attention that a client under our supervision, Michael Ray, has applied for a Tavern Renewal license from the City of Milwaukee. Client Michael Ray is currently on a probation term that is scheduled to discharge on 7/13/2026 for the offense of Possession of a Firearm – Convicted of a Felony.

This letter is to inform you that such a licensure would not be in violation of their rules/conditions of supervision. If circumstances change, we will take measures appropriately, including action that may affect such licensure. We made this decision based in part, on the following information:

**A - Residence Stability:** Client has maintained residence stability **Yes**.

**B - Reporting History:** Client has maintained required contacts with agent **Yes**.

**C - Police Contact:** Client has had police contact while on supervision **No**.

**D - Overall level of cooperation:** has client complied with referrals and services designed to address criminogenic needs **Yes**.

\*\*\*\* **DCC recommends license not be granted due the following: (check one)**

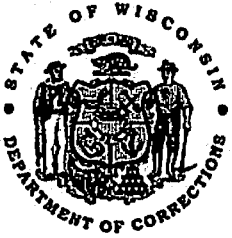
- \*  License/employment has a direct nexus to committing offense. \_
- \*  License/employment would have a negative impact on the client based on specific treatment needs.  
(HIPPA prohibits the disclosure of specific treatment needs)
- \*  Sex offenses.

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Sincerely,

Bill Lawrence  
P&P Agent

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Corrections Field Supervisor



# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Governor Tony Evers / Secretary

Division of Community Corrections / Region 3 Office

Date: 03/03/2026

To: Milwaukee Common Council/Licensing Division

From: DCC/P&P Agent Monique Smith

It was brought to my attention that a client under our supervision, Michael Ray, has applied for a liquor license from the City of Milwaukee. Client Michael is currently on a three-year term that is scheduled to discharge on 07/13/2026 for the offense of Possess Firearm – Felony G.

This letter is to inform you that such a licensure would be in violation of their rules/conditions of supervision. If circumstances change, we will take measures appropriately, including action that may affect such licensure. We made this decision based in part, on the following information:

**A - Residence Stability:** Client has maintained residence stability Yes.

**B - Reporting History:** Client has maintained required contacts with agent Yes.

**C - Police Contact:** Client has had police contact while on supervision No.

**D - Overall level of cooperation:** has client complied with referrals and services designed to address criminogenic needs No.

**\*\*\*\* DCC recommends license not be granted due the following: (check one)**

- \*  License/employment has a direct nexus to committing offense. \_
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Sincerely,

*Monique Smith*  
P&P Agent

*[Signature]*  
Corrections Field Supervisor