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City Attorney Zach Klein: City Shuts Down East Side After-Hours Club Following Fatal Shooting

City secures TRO to shutter the Luxxe Lounge following fatal shooting and illegal liquor sales

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the City of Columbus shut down Luxxe Lounge, an after-hours club located on the east side of Columbus that has been operating without a liquor license and was recently the scene of a homicide where one individual was shot and killed leaving the club at closing. The property has been on the radar of the City Attorney's Office and Columbus Division of Police since 2023 for illegal after-hours sales and gun-related police runs. CPD obtained and executed an order to board up the property.

“Mixing guns and alcohol is a recipe for disaster, and after the violence at this club over the weekend that left one dead, along with a history of violence, it is time for the City to step in to hold operators accountable and ask the Court to shut this club down,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“This club has been on the City’s radar for a number of months, and if the Court agrees, we’ll be able to shut it down and protect the safety of nearby residents and families. No one should have to deal with the kind of recklessness and violence in their neighborhood.”**

In 2017, then-City Attorney Rick Pfeiffer filed a lawsuit against the owners of a different after-hours club at the same location. The club’s operators vacated the space and some years later, new owners opened the Luxxe Lounge and have been operating and selling beer and liquor without a license.

Since January 1, 2023, the Division of Police has received approximately eleven calls for service at the property, including one fight, one person with a gun, and two shootings.