

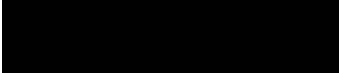
STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE CITY OF MADISON DANE COUNTY
ALCOHOL LICENSING REVIEW COMMITTEE

CITY OF MADISON
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. #401
Madison WI 53703

Complainant,

v.

SUMMONS

Ring Rodie LLC
d/b/a JoBeck's Bar
Larry Ring, Liquor/Beer Agent


REVOCATION of "Class B" Combination
Alcohol Beverage License

Respondent.

To the person named above as Respondent:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear before the Alcohol License Review Committee of the City of Madison Common Council at its meeting of June 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., to answer to the attached Complaint for Revocation of your "Class B" Combination alcohol beverage license. This meeting is being held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You must register at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration>. You will Register to Speak or to Answer Questions, and you will then be sent an email with information you will need to join the virtual meeting.

Dated this 12 day of June, 2020.



Jim Verbiick, Madison Deputy City Clerk

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services because of a disability, call 266-4511 (TDD 267-8664) to make the appropriate arrangements.

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NOW COMES the City of Madison by Assistant City Attorney, Jennifer Zilavy, and alleges as follows, that:

1. The Complainant, Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Zilavy, is an adult resident of the City of Madison, with a business address of 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 401, Madison, Wisconsin, and at all times material to this action, she was and is a member of the Office of the City Attorney, in her official capacity.

2. The Respondent herein, Ring Rodie, LLC, Larry Ring, agent, is the alcohol beverage licensee doing business as JoBeck’s Bar, 521 Cottage Grove Road, Madison, Wisconsin, according to documents filed with the City Clerk of the City of Madison.

3. The Common Council of the City of Madison granted a “Class B” Combination Alcohol Beverage License to Respondent for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

4. The Common Council of the City of Madison granted a renewal “Class B” Combination alcohol beverage license for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. At all

times alleged in this complaint, Respondent was the holder of a “Class B” Combination Alcohol Beverage License issued by the City of Madison.

5. On July 29, 2019, there was an ALERT meeting at the East Police District to discuss ongoing issues and concerns with JoBeck’s Bar. At the meeting, Larry Ring said that his wife Becky, handled all the day-to-day details of the bar, including hiring employees. Ring admitted that he did not know details about what was going on with the bar even though he was the liquor/beer agent for the bar. Ring stated that he would become involved in the day-to-day operations of the bar. Ring was also informed that the Gregory Nelson, the individual JoBeck’s employed as a security guard, was unlicensed by the state of Wisconsin and that his behavior was very concerning because he was armed with not just a handgun, but also with a taser and pepper spray, and he used these devices in the course of carrying out his security work at JoBeck’s. Nelson was charged with several criminal offenses related to one incident at JoBeck’s in which he used his taser and handcuffed an individual.

6. Alder Grant Foster and the Madison Police Department have received complaints about noise and disturbances from neighbors living near JoBeck’s.

7. On information and belief, the licensee, under the City of Madison Class B Combination Alcohol Beverage License for sale of alcohol beverages at the premises known as JoBeck’s Bar, 521 Cottage Grove Road, Madison, WI, has violated various provisions of Madison General Ordinance (“M.G.O.”) Chapter 38 as set forth in Madison Police Department officer’s reports, to wit:

A. VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE MADISON GENERAL ORDINANCES WITHIN THE MEANING OF M.G.O. § 38.05 (3)(a)(11), FALSIFYING INFORMATION ON RENEWAL APPLICATION

1. Larry Ring, (“RING”) liquor/beer agent and owner of Ring Rodie LLC, completed a liquor/beer license renewal application for the 2020/2021 licensing year and signed the application on April 14, 2020. Question No. 8 on the renewal application asks whether the licensee or any other person affiliated with the license has “been convicted of any offenses (excluding traffic offenses not related to alcohol) for violation of any federal laws, Wisconsin laws, or any laws of other states, or ordinances of any county or municipality?” Ring checked the “no” box. Wisconsin Circuit Court records indicate that on September 18, 2019, in Dane County Circuit Court, Ring pled “no contest” to a charge of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated. Dane County Court Case No. 2019TR007910.

B. VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE MADISON GENERAL ORDINANCES WITHIN THE MEANING OF M.G.O. § 38.10(1)(a)(9), VIOLATION OF LICENSE CONDITION

1. On May 5, 2018, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Madison Police Officer Kevin Dunnington drove past JoBeck’s Bar and observed the back door open. Officer Dunnington was able to clearly see through the establishment because the front door was propped open. Officer Dunnington was aware that JoBeck’s has a license condition requiring the back door to be closed at all times except in the case of emergency. Officer Dunnington stopped at JoBeck’s and made contact with the bartender, Stevie Stumpf, and she told Officer Dunnington she was aware of the condition relating to the back door and said that patrons had been using the back door during the “meat raffle”. Stumpf assured Officer Dunnington no one would use the door for anything other than an emergency exit. Madison Police Case No. 2018-00161363.

2. On April 23, 2019, at approximately 6:53 p.m., Madison Police Officer Kevin Dunnington drove past JoBeck's Bar and looked through the front windows and observed a lot of natural light coming from the back of the bar. Officer Dunnington knew from his previous observations of JoBeck's that the back door was likely open and that was the reason for all the light. Officer Dunnington turned his squad and made his way to Davidson Street where he could see the back door to JoBeck's was open. Officer Dunnington proceeded to JoBeck's and parked in the parking lot to the west of the bar. Upon approaching, Officer Dunnington could hear voices and noises coming from inside the bar and observed that the back door was propped open by a large cement block. Officer Dunnington made contact with the bartender, Maurilinda M. Rodriguez. Rodriguez told Officer Dunnington she was aware of the condition that prohibited the back door from being open. Rodriguez stated she was aware of the condition. Rodriguez claimed to not know the door had been propped open. Officer Dunnington contacted Larry Ring by phone and informed him that he had found the back door propped open. Ring questioned Officer Dunnington as to how he knew the door had been propped open. Ring said he would stress to all employees that the door is to be closed and only used for an emergency. Madison Police Case No. 2019-00151180.
3. On August 3, 2019, at approximately 1:42 a.m., Madison Police Officer Megan Lanphear performed a Tavern Safety Inspection at JoBeck's Bar. In the course of the inspection Officer Lanphear observed the back door was blocked by a box and

locked. The back door needs to be free from obstruction and unlocked for use as an emergency exit. Madison Police Case No. 2019-312425

C. VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE MADISON GENERAL ORDINANCES AND WISCONSIN STATUTES WITHIN THE MEANING OF M.G.O. § 38.10(1) (a) (2) and WIS. STAT. § 125.12(2)(ag)(1)

1. On May 26, 2018, at approximately 2:20 a.m., Madison Police Officer Jacob Reno was dispatched to JoBeck's for a report of approximately twenty (20) people fighting outside the bar. Upon arrival, Officer Reno noticed the parking lot was full of vehicles and he could see approximately forty (40) people standing all over the parking lot and to the left of the business. Officer Reno did not observe anyone actively fighting. Reno made contact with the only employee on site, bartender Stevie Stumpf. Stumpf said she was aware of a couple of males fighting but that she did not see it because she was inside as she was the only employee on premise. Stumpf told Officer Reno her boyfriend was working security because of the disturbance from the previous night. Stumpf said she would again contact the owners, Larry and Becky, to request security/bouncer on the weekends. Madison Police Case No. 2018-00191104.
2. On May 27, 2018, at approximately 2:16 a.m., Madison Police Officer Ethan Pierick was dispatched to JoBeck's Bar regarding for a report of approximately eight (8) people fighting. Dispatch indicated that one person had a pipe in their hands. Officer Pierick arrived on scene and did not observe anyone actively fighting and it appeared most of the participants had left the area. Officers did find a "pipe" on the ground in the parking lot, which was a plastic curtain rod. Officer Pierick made contact with an individual identified as Levelle Johnson.

Johnson stated that he had been driving by JoBeck's when he stopped to attempt to break up a fight. Johnson said he stopped because he recognized one of the individuals in the fight. Officer Pierick spoke with the bartender, Stevie Stumpf. Stumpf said the group that caused the disturbance had come inside the bar and she called the police because two males in the group kept attacking each other and then others would pull them apart. Stumpf said she did not need anything else from the police now that the disturbance was broken up. Madison Police Case No. 2018-00192519.

3. On October 1, 2018, at approximately 12:09 a.m., Madison Police Officer Ko Vang, and others, were dispatched to JoBeck's Bar for with the caller saying he deployed "OC" and that someone was bleeding from the head. On arrival, Officer Vang spoke with an individual identified as Gregory Nelson. Nelson said he was working security for JoBeck's. Nelson said a fight broke out outside and JoBeck's maintenance guy went out to break up the fight and got "pummeled". Nelson said that two males were kicking the maintenance guy, later identified as Scott, while Scott was on the ground so Nelson deployed OC to break up the fight. Nelson identified the individuals fighting as members of a motorcycle gang called the Four Horsemen. On November 19, 2018, Madison Police Detective Mark Hull was assigned to follow-up on the battery of Scott. Detective Hull made contact with Scott, and Scott said he did not want to meet with Detective Hull because he was worried that it would "come back worse on him if he talked." Scott said he knew the people who battered him were members of a motorcycle gang. Scott said he was diagnosed with a concussion as a result of the battery. Detective Hull

contact Larry Ring and Ring said he was aware of the disturbance and that he directed his staff to not allow members of the Four Horsemen in JoBeck's. Larry was not sure whether the Four Horsemen had been back to JoBeck's since the disturbance. Detective Hull asked Ring if he wanted the Four Horsemen banned from JoBeck's and Ring said yes. Detective Hull later contacted the president of the Four Horsemen, Angel Perez, and told him they were banned from JoBeck's. Perez said he understood. Madison Police Case No. 2018-00440023.

4. On February 17, 2019, at approximately 2:20 a.m., Madison Police Officer Kiel Baitinger-Peterson was dispatched to JoBeck's regarding an intoxicated individual. The caller said that an extremely intoxicated female was lying down in the parking lot, that she had gotten into an altercation with another subject who had already left and that the caller attempted to get her a cab but she refused. Upon arrival Officer Baitinger-Peterson observed the caller, security guard Gregory Nelson, and a female who was leaned up against the rear driver's side wheel of a vehicle. A male was face-to-face with the female and he was attempting to stand her up. Officer Baitinger-Peterson attempted to get the female, later identified as JW, to stand, but was not successful. Due to JW's size, Officer Baitinger-Peterson called two additional officers to the scene to assist in getting JW up. It took all three officers to get JW upright and into a squad. Officer Baitinger-Peterson determined that JW incapacitated and transported her to detox. Madison Police Case No. 2019-61893.
5. On March 9, 2019 at approximately 2:12 a.m., Madison Police Officer Amber Flores was driving past JoBeck's Bar when she noticed a black sedan parked in

the driveway of the bar close to the road. The driver's door to the sedan was open. As Officer Flores was getting into the left lane to turn around she noticed a flashlight going on and off in an attempt to flag her down. Upon arrival at JoBeck's, Officer Flores made contact with the security guard, Gregory Nelson and a male later identified as Stanley Scott. Scott was in handcuffs at the front door. Nelson said he had used an electronic control device (taser) on Scott and that he was the one who handcuffed him. Officer Flores observed the taser probe still in the middle of Scott's back area. Scott complained of neck and wrist pain. Flores also observed that the handcuffs were tight on Scott and that he had fresh open wounds on the inside of both wrists that appeared to be from the handcuffs. There were conflicting stories as to what precipitated Nelson's contact with Scott. Officer Flores asked for video footage and was told by Nelson the footage could only be retrieved by the owners, Larry and Becky Ring, and that they lived an hour away in Columbia County. Nelson had previously stated to Officer Flores that there would be no video footage because they are shut down after closing. On March 14, 2019, Madison Police Detective Deborah Plantz was conducting a follow-up investigation. Detective Plantz contacted Larry Ring by telephone. Ring was not cooperative with Detective Plantz in the course of her follow-up investigation, particularly Detective Plantz's request for the video footage. Madison Police Case No. 2019-00088885

6. On April 19, 2019 at approximately 2:00 a.m., Madison Police Officer Doroteo Cano was dispatched to JoBeck's Bar for a report of a large fight inside. Other East District Officers also responded. Upon arrival, Officer Cano observed there

was no active fight. Officer Cano observed multiple vehicles exiting the parking lot. Officer Cano entered the bar and made contact with an individual identified as Graham Grafton and the bartender, Mandi Sargent. Officer Cano observed blood coming from Grafton's mouth and asked him if he wanted medical attention. Grafton declined. Officer Cano told Grafton he was dispatched for a fight and Grafton had blood on his mouth so Cano needed to take a report. Grafton told Officer Cano he did not and then stated he would only speak with a female officer. Officer Cano spoke with Sargent and Sargent said there were multiple individuals in the bar and Sargent called "last call." An unidentified patron began notifying others of "last call" and another female did not like being told it was last call from the female who was saying it and the two started arguing and then physically fighting. Sargent said others tried to intervene and then everyone started fighting. Sargent described the scene as a "mosh pit." Sargent said once the patrons heard police were called they left. Madison Police Officer Sophia Scales spoke with Grafton about what happened. Grafton stated that people were getting in his friend's face and pulling her hair and getting aggressive. Grafton said something like, "hey stop that," and then the individuals that were harassing his friend started calling him "fag" and Grafton said he walked outside and once outside multiple people started hitting him. Grafton said he was hit from all over and that he lost consciousness for four to six minutes and when he regained consciousness people were still hitting him and kicking him. Grafton said as soon as police arrived the fight broke up. Grafton stated he is a regular at JoBeck's and

he did not know the individuals who were beating him or harassing his friend.

Madison Police Case No. 2019-00144255

7. On June 24, 2019, at approximately 12:49 a.m. Madison Police Officer Sophia Scales was dispatched to JoBeck's Bar reference a disturbance. Upon arrival, Officer Scales made contact with the bartender, Christy Reick. Reick stated that the suspect involved in the disturbance was someone who had been kicked out of JoBeck's previously. Reick told the suspect he could stay as long as he did not cause a disturbance. The suspect began calling a female he was with "a fucking cunt" and Reick told him he needed to leave. The suspect left the establishment and about 10 minutes later Reick noticed a large "cluster" outside. Reick stated there was some sort of disturbance with people "running their mouths" and arguing. Reick stated another customer pushed the suspect into his vehicle and then when the suspect left the parking lot he reentered and exited the parking lot several times and at times came very close to patrons who were outside and had to run to avoid being hit. Reick stated the suspect was yelling out his window while driving recklessly through the lot and the area. The suspect eventually left the area. Reick informed Officer Scales that JoBeck's had video and that she would be requesting it from her manager. At the time of Officer Scales' report, she had not received any further information regarding a video of the incident. Madison Police Case No. 2019-00245061.
8. On July 23, 2019, Madison Police Detective Deborah Plantz spoke with Becky Ring over the telephone regarding an incident that occurred at JoBeck's on July 19, 2019 and involved security guard Gregory Nelson. Detective Plantz had

received a phone call from an individual identified as Daniel Sime. Sime said he went to JoBeck's on July 19, 2019 and was told by Nelson that he was banned from the Bar. Apparently Sime's uncle is Stanley Scott, the individual Nelson tased in March 2019. Nelson told Sime, "[t]ell your uncle that he's lucky that's the only thing I shot him with." Sime took that to mean Nelson indicated he could have shot Scott with a gun instead of a taser. Sime said Nelson is a friend of Larry Ring. Detective Plantz told Becky Ring she wanted to review the video from July 19, 2019. Ring said that would be no problem and instructed Detective Plantz to meet with the manager, Deanna Ellestad, on July 24, 2019. Detective Plantz met with Ellestad and learned the video system was not working and had not been working since June 27, 2019. Ellestad told Detective Plantz that the bar does not have a list for people they ban. Ellestad said if they have a problem with somebody and try to ban them, they usually send a group text among the bartenders to let them all know. Ellestad they do not ban people very often and that "you can't really ban someone from a public bar in Wisconsin anyway." Ellestad said she would have no way of knowing who banned Sime or even if he was truly banned. Ellestad said Nelson is not allowed to ban anyone from the bar. Madison Police Case No. 2019-00292964.

9. On July 30, 2019, at approximately 1:59 a.m., Madison Police Officer Megan Lanphear was dispatched to JoBeck's Bar after a female caller reported being jumped outside the bar by other females. Officer Lanphear entered the bar and spoke with the bartender, Christy Reick. Reick said the woman who called, Erin Dietzman, was in the bar and was very intoxicated. Reick said Dietzman was

swearing at a group of Hispanic females and calling them names. Reick said she told Dietzman several times to leave. Reick said the bar cleared out at bar time and she could see Dietzman and one of the Hispanic females mutually fighting. Reick said she saw several other patrons pull the two females apart and everyone dispersed. Officer Lanphear made phone contact with Dietzman and Dietzman refused to give her address so Officer Landphear could make contact with her. Officer Lanphear noted that Dietzman sounded intoxicated on the phone due to her voice tone and her speech being slurred. Madison Police Case No. 2019-00305742

10. On September 26, 2019, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Madison Police Officer Jared Porta was dispatched to JoBeck's Bar for an assist EMS call. Upon arrival at JoBeck's, Officer Porta contacted Madison Fire Department EMS who had been in contact with Michael Clemins. Clemins was visibly intoxicated and needed assistance to stand and balance. When asked how much he had to drink Clemins stated, "a lot". Clemins was placed into protective custody and transported to detox. Madison Police Case No. 2019-00400605
11. On March 15, 2020, at approximately 3:42 p.m., Madison Police Officer Jose Martinez responded to JoBeck's Bar regarding two subjects drinking in the lot. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez did not observe anyone drinking in the lot and was greeted by Larry Ring. Ring immediately called Martinez a "fucking dumbass". Officer Martinez stated that Ring called him a fucking idiot so many times that he lost count. Officer Martinez was on the property approximately one minute and did not get a word in the entire time he was there. Officer Martinez walked back

