## **DISAPPROVAL FORM** LICENSE LIGUOR

## Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation Application Information Business Name SUSHI MOCORITO Business Location 3415 West Glendale Avenue Applicant Names Jesus Ramirez and Imelda Lopez Series Type 12

Jesus Ramirez and Imelda Lopez through Sushi Mocorito Restaurant LLC has applied as the applicant for a Series 12 liquor license to Sushi Mocorito located at 3415 West Glendale Avenue.

The Police Department recommends disapproval of this liquor license application due the applicants being not reliable, capable or qualified.

During the course of Det. Gokool's investigation, while reviewing the documents submitted and interviewing the applicants he discovered discrepancies in regards to ownership, how much was paid for the business and a Title 4 violation.

According to the state application Ms. Lopez was listed as an agent not an owner, and on the city application Mr. Ramirez was listed as 100% owner. But after interviewing Mr. Ramirez at the business on 2/22/17 he stated that Ms. Lopez was also the owner of the business and would manage it a couple times a week.

Det. Gokool then contacted Ms. Lopez who reaffirmed Mr. Ramirez's statement and said that she was a minority owner and would be at the business a couple of times of week. This contradicts what was placed on their city questionnaire and state application.

In addition to ownership, there was a discrepancy on what Mr. Ramirez actually paid for the business. According to question 9 of the city questionnaire Mr. Ramirez wrote \$19,000.00 was how much he paid for the business including startup cost. During the interview Mr. Ramirez said that he never paid that amount. He then said that was the value of the restaurant which was fully furnished by Ranch Market.

Both Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Lopez stated that they do not have experience running a liquor establishment. Det. Gokool then asked Mr. Ramirez who was his alcohol distributor and Mr. Ramirez stated that he did not have one, and bought the alcohol for the restaurant at the Ranch Market. Det. Gokool then spoke with Ms. Lopez, who again reaffirmed Mr. Ramirez's statement, and said that Mr. Ramirez bought the liquor served at the restaurant from the Ranch Market.

According to A.R.S. 4-244, unlawful acts; For any retail licensee to purchase spirituous liquors from any person other than a solicitor or salesman of a wholesaler licensed in this state.

Due to the above listed reasons the Police Department does not find Jesus Ramirez and Imelda Lopez, reliable, capable or qualified to hold a liquor license.

This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Det. R. Gokool #7605

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