

**Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation**

**Application Information**

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Ash Lounge</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Business Location</b>	<b>4516 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue</b>		
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Hector Rivera</b>	<b>Series Type</b>	<b>06</b>

**The Police Department recommends disapproval of this liquor license application for the following reasons:**

While investigating Hector Rivera, AZDLLC, State liquor received citizen complaints including dancer violations, prostitution and illicit drug dealing on the premises. On March 15, 2025 DLLC state agents went in Ash Lounge in an undercover capacity and witnessed violations of Title IV violations of 4-244.43 Serving more than the law allows. Report #25-000452

Between March 5-9, 2025, Leonard Sutton kidnapped and assaulted an Ash Lounge performer transported her to his home in Laveen. Where he locked her in the bedroom preventing her from leaving for 3-4 days. He left the door unlocked thus allowing her to escape. Following this incident, on approximately March 11, 2025, Mr. Sutton entered Ash Lounge and assaulted the same performer by kicking and stomping her head dragging her of the stage by her hair. Report #20-366184

Because Mr. Rivera filed this request for an acquisition of control on January 29, 2025, he is responsible for this business. These incidents happened while Mr. Rivera was Agent and owner of 4576 LLC. Mr. Rivera failed to protect the performer.

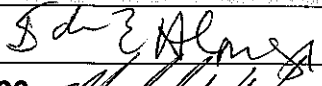
On May 7, 2025, Mr. Rivera requested a meeting with the State Liquor Investigators regarding the discrepancies in his application. While in this meeting, Det. Butler learned that Mr. Rivera has been operating as the "owner" for approximately 15-16 months. He insists that he has had full control of the business and makes all the business decisions. Mr. Rivera continued that he purchased the business from Alexander Kaminski III but added that there have been difficulties removing Mr. Kaminski from the LLC.

Mr. Rivera abruptly withdrew his application and shortly thereafter Mr. Kaminski relinquished the license. Although Mr. Rivera did not have his own license, he continued to operate without the proper credentials and licenses.

During his "ownership" there have been 9 calls for service resulting in reports being generated. For these reasons, this shows Mr. Rivera is not qualified, capable nor reliable to hold a liquor license in the City of Phoenix.

**This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Det. C. Butler #7108**

**SIGNATURES**

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