

**Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation**

**Application Information**

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Barracks Bar</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Business Location</b>	<b>4601 N 7th Ave</b>		
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Richard "Scott" Murchison</b>	<b>Series Type</b>	<b>12</b>

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

I have reviewed the liquor application for the Barracks Bar located at located at 4601 North 7th Avenue, adjacent to 652 West Hazelwood Street.

The Police Department recommends disapproval of this liquor license application and believes the applicant is not capable, qualified, and reliable to hold a liquor license based on the following findings of the investigation.

The applicant, Richard "Scott" Murchison, was previously the owner of The Barracks Bar located at 67625 E. Palm Canyon Drive in Cathedral City, California. The Phoenix Police Department received information from California Alcoholic Beverage Control, Supervisor Agent in Charge Vic Duong #1119 of the Palm Springs District, that during the time Mr. Murchison was the owner of Barracks Bar in California, there was an approximate 4-month investigation conducted spanning from November 2023 to February 2024 due to an anonymous tip informing the agency that there were sexual acts, nudity and lewd behaviors occurring inside The Barracks Bar. The investigation yielded 66 allegations of lewd conduct that included sexual acts occurring at The Barracks Bar and pornography being played on multiple televisions in the establishment. Of the 66 allegations, 36 allegations pertained to permitted to perform or simulated sex acts, 24 allegations of nudity inside the bar or on the patio and 3 allegations of the licensee or employee does not present on the patio while alcohol was being consumed. The lewd acts cited are a violation of California Code of Regulations ("CCR") SEC. 143.2(3), 143.3(1)(A), 143.3(1)(B), 143.3(1)(C). If the violations that Mr. Murchison stipulated to were committed in Phoenix, they would constitute a violation of Arizona Revised Statutes ("ARS") 13-1403.A.1 (sexual contact), 13-1403.A.2 (oral sex) and 13-1403.A.3 (sexual intercourse). The Barracks Bar was licensed as a "bar" not a Sexually Oriented Business. The Cathedral City Police Department reported that between 2021 and 2024, there were 59 calls for service that included drug overdoses, fights, loud music, and other sexual related incidents.

Supervisor Agent Duong of the CA Alcoholic Beverage Control indicated that the State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control intended on revoking Mr. Murchison's liquor license (611714), but all parties agreed that Mr. Murchison could sell his liquor license in lieu of license revocation and fines. Therefore, Mr. Murchison stipulated to the charges and waived his right to a hearing. This demonstrates a pattern of lack of operational control of his business and lack of concern for regulations. Therefore, Mr. Murchison has not demonstrated the capability, reliability, and qualifications to be granted this liquor license.

**LIQUOR LICENSE DISAPPROVAL FORM**

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

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