

Kalu, Richard

Subject: FW: Costa Azul Mexican Bar & Grill, 190 - 192 Old Kent Road, London, SE1 5TY - NTE 29 March 2020
Attachments: costaazul29.2.2020.pdf; Costa Azul 1.doc; Costa Azul 070320.doc

From: Ian.Clements@met.police.uk [<mailto:Ian.Clements@met.police.uk>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Kalu, Richard
Subject: RE: Costa Azul Mexican Bar & Grill, 190 - 192 Old Kent Road, London, SE1 5TY - NTE 29 March 2020

Dear Richard

Please find the attached supplementary evidence in support of the review of the premises licence for Costa Azul.

Kind Regards

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CLOSURE NOTICE - SECTION 19 CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001

Date of the Closure Notice: 29-02-2000 Time Served: 20:35

Authority issuing Notice: Metropolitan Police Service

Name and rank of person making the notice: PC Maria O' Mahoney 23110

Signature: PC Maria O' Mahoney 23110

Name (if applicable) and address of the affected premises:

Costa Azul Mexican Bar & Grill
190-192 Old Kent Road SE15 1TY

Alleged unauthorised use of the premises (section 19 (6)(a))

The officer serving this notice is satisfied that the above premises are being, or within the last 24 hours have been, used for the unauthorised sale of alcohol for consumption on, or in the vicinity of the premises. The specific details of the alleged use are:

356 - A personal licence not on premises whilst alcohol
being sold.
342 - Staff serving alcohol and receiving training in
supply & sale of alcohol. (No time specified on prem)

Grounds upon which the person serving the Notice was satisfied of the existence of such unauthorised use:

Alcohol being sold. ^{MID} benefit of particular
not made not on training records for alcohol sale

Steps that may be taken to end the alleged unauthorised use of the premises, or to prevent it from re-occurring (section 19 (6) (c)) time to be agreed

SIA alcohol supervisor to be working. Personal licence
holder to be on premises when alcohol is being sold
staff to be trained on alcohol sales & supply

Third party consideration (section 19.4)

Are there any other persons occupying the premises who need to be informed of this notice?

Yes/No (details) Yes

If yes they must be issued with a copy of this form

Effect of section 20, Application for closure order.

A failure to take remedial action to prevent further or continued unauthorised use may lead to an application being made to a Magistrates court for a closure order under section 21 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

The Person (if applicable) on whom the closure notice has been served:

Name [Redacted]

Signature ROKUSEO

Date 29-02-2000

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Jonathan Ducker Pc 2494AS

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of _____ page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: Date:

On Saturday 7th March 2020 at about 0015hrs I was on duty in plain clothes in company with Pc 2246 AS Mark Lynch. We were the Night Time Economy Team for Southwark that evening dealing with licensing issues. We parked in Marcia Road, SE1 and observed the entrance to Costa Azul Mexican Bar and Grill 190-192 Old Kent Road SE1 5TY. The venue was given interim steps on the 27th February 2020 by Southwark Boroughs Sub Committee pending a full hearing to be held on the 24th March 2020. The first additional condition imposed on the venue was that last entry to the premises was at 0000hrs. We watched as 9 people turned up at the venue and were allowed in. This was a breach of that condition and at 0035hrs we went over to the premises and introduced ourselves to the SIA security on the door, we asked to speak to whoever was in charge and were a short time after asked to go into the venue and walked through the premises past several people dancing before meeting the Designated Premises Supervisor by the name of Alejandro Ortiz Mahrez. We walked through to the rear of the premises and Pc Lynch informed Mr Mahrez that we were here to check that the premises was being compliant with the interim steps they are currently subject to. It was confirmed that they had 3 SIA security officers employed that night. There was no glassware outside and polycarbonate jugs of water and cups were seen on tables inside. Pc Lynch asked Mr Mahrez what time the last admittance was to the premises and he said 2am was the time set by the council. Pc Lynch asked him to produce documentation to confirm that time. Mr Mahrez looked at his phone for a short while before saying that he didn't have documentary proof but that he was at the hearing. Pc Lynch showed him the notice of decision from the council which clearly showed the last entry time to be 0000hrs except for an event on the 1st March 2020 when last entry would be 0200hrs. This was not the 1st March 2020 and suggests that the venue have been regularly allowing people in after midnight. Having pointed out the issue the SIA were informed not to allow anyone else entry and soon after we left the venue. The visit was recorded on body worn video.

Witness Signature:

Signature Witnessed by Signature:

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Mark Lynch Pc 2494AS

Age if under 18: Over 18(if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: Date: 10/03/2020

On Saturday 7th March 2020 .I was on duty in plain clothes in company with Pc 2494AS Jon Ducker. We were the Night Time Economy Team for Southwark that evening dealing with licensing issues, part of our duties involve attending venues to ensure they comply with their licence conditions . At about 0015hrs we parked our vehicle in Marcia Road SE1 and observed the entrance to Costa Azul Mexican Bar and Grill 190-192 Old Kent Road SE1 5TY. The venue was given interim steps on the 27th February 2020 by Southwark Boroughs Sub Committee pending a full hearing to be held on the 24th March 2020. The first interim condition imposed on the venue was that last entry to the premises was at 0000hrs. We watched between 0015hrs and 0034hrs as 9 people arrived at the venue and were allowed into the venue by Door supervisors. This was a breach of the interim conditions and at 0035hrs we went over to the premises and introduced ourselves to the SIA security on the door, we asked to speak to whoever was in charge and a short time after the security invited us into the venue. We walked through the premises past several people dancing before meeting the Designated Premises Supervisor by the name of Alejandro Ortiz Mahrez. We walked through to the rear of the premises and i informed Mr Mahrez that we were here to check that the premises was being compliant with the interim conditions they are currently subject to. It was confirmed that they had 3 SIA security officers employed that night. There was no glassware outside and polycarbonate jugs of water and cups were seen on tables inside. We went to the rear of the premises and I asked Mr Mahrez what time the last admittance was to the premises and he said 2am was the time set by the council. I asked him to produce documentation to confirm that time. Mr Mahrez looked at his phone for a short while before saying that he didn't have documentary proof but that he was at the hearing. I showed him the notice of decision from the council which clearly showed the last entry time to be 0000hrs except for an event on the 1st March 2020 when last entry would be 0200hrs. This was not the 1st March 2020 and it would seem that the venue has been regularly allowing people in after midnight. Having pointed out the issue the SIA were informed not to allow anyone else entry and soon after we left the venue. The visit was recorded on body worn video.

Witness Signature:

Signature Witnessed by Signature:.....



Voice your concerns

Date: 25 December 2019

Time: 03:51

Form completed and submitted on the Metropolitan Police Service internet platform

VYC-4131-19-0100-VYCC

Tell us more about your concerns

Your concerns

Noise pollution, Street drinking, Violence without injury

Give us more detail about the things you're concerned about:

I'm concerned about the constant noise and fights that take place in the Spanish club/bar on old Kent road right next to the Eurotraveller Hotel. It's not a one of thing, it's every weekend. There will be constant screaming and arguing along with people physically fighting in the middle of the road which then stops traffic and causes even more noise. It's bad enough that they make noise with their music but the arguing and fights makes it even worse. It happens at 2/3am and continues for ages. Families live along this road and people also stay at the hotel, they don't want to hear their nonsense on top of the noise of cars and sirens. This has now happened on Christmas Eve which is very inconsiderate

Where did this happen?

Costa Azul (I think) it's a Spanish club right next to the Eurotraveller hotel

What day?

not given

What time?

not given

If you don't know or remember the exact date, please describe additional details that will help us to identify the date or time
Every weekend without fail.

Who is, or was, involved?

People that attend the club

Your details

Your details

First name

not given

Last name

not given

Email address
not given

Phone number
not given

Address
not given

CRIS 3042919/19 & 3042930/19

25/12/2019

Full account given, she stated that she went to COSTA AZUL on OLD KENT ROAD at approx. 1am after being at home with family. She went there with her Mum, Dad, Boyfriend and family friend. They left around 0400hours, she had had maybe 4 Jack Daniels and coke.

Suspect charged with assault by beating of an emergency worker x3. Outcome 1A

called police to G&F Off License stating that a fight had ensued inside the shop and the victim was lying unconscious on the floor bleeding from the mouth. The suspect was described as IC1, wearing a green shirt and blue trousers going towards Elephant and Castle.

xxxxxxx attended and attempted to detain xxxxxxxxxx on MADRON ST. During this, he has smashed xxxxx head into the pavement or wall causing her to lose consciousness. Additional officers have attended as xxxxx activated her EMER button.

Suspect charged

- ABH (3042919/19)
- Obstruct police (3042919/19)
- Possession of baton (aug 2019) 3027379/19
- Cannabis (aug 2019) 3027379/19

CRIS 3038362/19

17/11/2019

On Sunday 17th November 2019 at approximately 0435 police (AS107E) were on route to an I - Grade call travelling eastbound on the OKR. Just after the junction with EAST STREET outside COSTA AZUL police were flagged down to a fight. Suspect1 approached the police car which was stationary in the middle of the road and began punching the offside window to the car. PC 2250AS (who was the operator of the vehicle) got out of the car and began trying to detain suspect1. Suspect1 began throwing punches towards PC 2250AS and has managed to strike PC 2250AS in the face. This has been with such force that PC 2250AS has fallen to the floor.

PC 2278AS has activated his taser which has caused suspect1 to fall the floor. At PC 2278AS has arrested suspect1 for ABH, Affray & Common Assault.

PC 2250AS has sustained a cut to the left side of his lip : - PC 2250AS has attended St Thomas's Hospital who have confirmed the injury sustained will need stiches by a specialist plastic surgeon.

xxxxx has stated that at approximately 0430 xxxxx was identified as being intoxicated and ejected from the club. Xxxxx was outside the club for a little while before being joined by a number of people who appeared to be friends.

A large fight then started between two groups.

CHARGING DECISION:

MR xxxx has been charged - Assault occasioning ABH

CRIS3022912/19

14/07/2019

Offence Summary and Officer's Initial Actions:

Two suspect detained following being identified involved in fight where victim has been assaulted and has lost consciousness.

They were all fighting with other people, they were both drunk using bottles of beer to fight. They initially started fighting outside COSTA AZUL and there was around SIX (6) people."

CRIS3017808/19

02/06/2019

On SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2019 at 0315 hrs, Police were called by an unknown female stating that was a group of people fighting near 200 OLD KENT ROAD, SE1.

On Police arrival, all suspects had left the location leaving just one injured party - VIW1. The informant was not at the location and was not picking up her phone.

Officers have spoken to the victim who was very drunk and was most likely under the influence of drugs by his own admission. All he could confirm is that another South American male, hit him over the head with a glass bottle, causing a very small cut to above his right eyebrow.

He confirmed that the incident took place just outside the COSTA AZUL club, which is 190-192 OLD KENT ROAD.

He did not know the suspect(s) and could not give any descriptions.

On arrival, COSTA AZUL had just closed and there was smashed glass bottles everywhere.