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Club Crush surrenders liquor license after OLCC issues immediate license suspension

Salem, Ore. – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission issued an immediate license suspension for **Club Crush**, 3743 Commercial St. SE, Salem; on Friday, Nov. 14. At that time, managing member Mark E. Garcia surrendered the liquor license to OLCC.

Club Crush, also known as Sapphire Lounge received the suspension due to a history of serious and persistent problems involving disturbances or unlawful activities involving patrons of the establishment in the vicinity of the premises. Twenty-seven serious incidents have occurred at Club Crush since Nov. 1, 2007 including the recent shooting at the premises on Nov. 9, 2008. Other incidents have involved harm or the threat of harm, with guns, bats, knives, beer bottles, fists and feet being used as weapons.

“Eighteen of the 27 incidents involved patrons who were intoxicated,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “Despite two intervention meetings and instruction on how to avoid alcohol over-service, the licensee was still not able to control the serious problems that have repeatedly occurred on the premises.”

The license was held by Mark E. Garcia and Molly B. Garcia of Big Boi, LLC.

Under certain circumstances, a licensed premises representing an immediate danger to public health and safety is cause for immediate license suspension.

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