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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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RE: Liquor Violations

Mayor and Liquor Commissioner Bob Eschbach announced the suspension of the local liquor licenses of two local bars in connection with gambling charges stemming from an April 1, 2009 sting operation. All three establishments entered guilty pleas and were sentenced in the circuit court. The violations also constitute violations of the provisions of the City liquor ordinance relating to licensees.

The license holders were entitled to a hearing before the Liquor Commissioner, but two of the cases were disposed of by stipulation as follows:

The license of K.A.L.E., Inc. d/b/a Berta's Tap, 616 Clinton Street is suspended for fourteen consecutive days beginning Monday, September 28, 2009 at 12:01 a.m., and continuing to Monday, October 12, 2009 at 12:01 a.m.

The license of Kenneth M. Cusick, d/b/a/Kenny's Tap, 401 W. Norris Drive is suspended for seven consecutive days, beginning Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 12:01 a.m. and continuing to Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 12:01 a.m.

The disposition of the third case involving the liquor violation for Jane Jobst, d/b/a Jane's Pub is still pending.