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## City Attorney Zach Klein announces board up of north Columbus bar with history of violence, shootings, and illegal liquor sales

*Says owners who disregard the law and allow crime to fester will be held accountable  
because public safety remains office's top priority*

**COLUMBUS, OH**— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the Property Action Team secured an emergency court order to shut down a north Columbus bar with a history of violent crime and several recent shootings. In addition, the establishment was operating without a valid liquor license. Columbus Police executed the Court's order to shut down and board up the Kulture Lounge located at 1005 Mediterranean Ave.

**“Public safety remains my top priority. We will work with any business owner or bar operator who follows the rules and wants to do right by the community, but when their inaction or indifference threatens public safety, our team will not hesitate to hold these owners accountable. This bar had no regard for safety or the law, so we asked the Court to shut them down. The north side is safer for it,”** said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.”

Columbus Police began investigating the bar earlier this year following complaints of illegal liquor sales and violent activity. Since October 2025, CPD has been called out to the property 10 times, including for various fights, an assault and other criminal activity.

In March 2026, CPD received a report from a caller describing a drive by shooting at the premises. Officers responded, and once on scene, broke up several fights before speaking to security, who described at least two groups of individuals shooting at each other. While CPD was talking with security about the incident, another fight broke out in the parking lot, which was allegedly over control of a firearm.

CPD also responded to multiple more reports of shots fired at the premises in both April and June 2026. The June shooting found at least one victim who stated she was walking out of the club when struck by bullets.

In addition to the history of violent crime, Kulture has also been under investigation for liquor violations, including illegal alcohol sales. The property has been operating without

a valid liquor permit yet has been advertising extensively on social media about drink specials, bottle service, and other evidence of illegal alcohol sales. Additionally, undercover agents entered the club earlier this year and were able to purchase liquor from the bar.

**“Vibrant nightlife cannot come at the expense of public safety,”** said Property Action Team Attorney Sophie Yano. **“Disregarding basic liquor laws while turning a blind eye toward crime and violence at your establishment is unacceptable. I’m thankful to the community and our partners in law enforcement for being able to gather the evidence needed to get this place shut down.”**

A follow-up hearing on the case is set for June 25 at 9:30 a.m.

*\*Editor’s note: A copy of the TRO can be viewed by clicking the link, [TRO Kulture](#).*