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## City Attorney Zach Klein shuts down the party at illegal south side after hours club plagued by gun violence

*Calls Lockbourne Road club a threat to the health and safety of patrons and  
neighborhood*

**COLUMBUS, OH**— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced that the Property Action Team secured a court order to shut down an illegal after hours bar that had been operating at 1620 Lockbourne Road on the south side of Columbus. Since March 2025, Columbus Police have been called to the property 31 times for disruptive behavior, gunshots and most recently, a homicide.

**“Columbus wants and needs a vibrant nightlife scene, but we also expect bars and nightclubs to follow the law and operate safely. This after-hours club flagrantly violated the law and posed a real threat to the health and safety of patrons and the neighborhood. It needed to be shut down,”** said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

**“At our most recent Block by Block community safety meeting, we told residents we’d get this property taken care of once we gathered the evidence we needed, and we got it done thanks to the Property Action Team, Columbus Police and valuable tips and information from neighbors.”**

The after-hours club was operating under the name [pressurelounge614](#) on Instagram, which often promoted dancers and drinks at all hours. The property has no liquor permit.

In May 2025, CPD received ShotSpotter alerts and calls reporting a shooting at a party at the location. Officers arrived on scene and saw a large crowd and people fleeing in different directions, with multiple victims transporting themselves to the hospital for treatment.

On June 7, 2025, CPD received a call reporting an illegal event that was planned to occur later that night, and in the early hours of June 8, CPD received a report of a disturbance.

On June 10, 2025, CPD detectives sent property owners notice of their duty to cease any nuisance activity taking place at the property and to clean up conditions—or face potential consequences.

On December 24, 2025, CPD received a ShotSpotter alert at the location.

In the early morning hours of February 14, 2026, CPD received a report of loud music coming from the premises. The next morning around the same time, CPD received two more reports of loud noises, screaming and yelling at the premises. Then in the early morning of February 22, CPD received a report of four shots fired at the premises.

In March, CPD continued to receive multiple complaints about the location as a problem spot for illegal after-hours parties, large crowds, and guns. CPD also received a report of an assault at the property on March 14, and more gunshots and large crowds on March 21. Just a day later, multiple calls reported even larger crowds causing problems after hours.

On March 25, CPD responded to the property to find a man inside the building who had been shot. The victim was transported to an area hospital and pronounced deceased.

**“We need businesses that build up the south side, not bring it down. Once we got the evidence we needed to present a successful case against this illegal establishment, we took them to court,”** said Property Action Team Attorney Louisa Edzie. **“I encourage neighbors to reach to Police and 311 to report problem properties when they see them so that we can address them and build cases when necessary.”**

CPD executed the order to board up the Property.

**“Thanks to CPD and the community for giving us the evidence we needed to present a winning case to the Court to get this property shut down,”** said Property Action Team Attorney Sophie R. Yano. **“South side residents can sleep easier knowing this property will no longer be a late-night hangout and magnet for crime and gun violence.”**

*\*Editor’s note: A copy of the court order can be viewed [here](#).*