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City Attorney Zach Klein's Property Action Team Reaches Agreement to Shut Down Troubled Sullivant Avenue Bar by End of Year

Cain's Sports Bar has been the site of several homicides, shootings and other violent crimes in recent years

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the Property Action Team reached an agreement with the owners of Cain's Sports Bar to shut down the troubled property by the end of the year. The bar, located at 3475 Sullivant Ave., has been the scene of multiple shootings and other violent crime in recent years, and was most recently under a court order to improve safety and security on site.

"We want businesses to succeed, but this bar has proven time and again to be a nuisance to the Sullivant Ave. corridor. Owners have been unable to meet court-ordered safety and security improvements, so I applaud the Property Action Team's work to get this troubled bar shut down so that we can better protect public safety on the west side," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

Cain's was the scene of a double homicide where four individuals were shot in July 2022, and in March 2023, three people were shot following a fight outside the bar. The bar had been under a court order mandating safety and security improvements since August 2023.

According to court documents, bar owners failed to hire properly licensed security personnel as mandated by the court, and criminal activity continued at the premises, including nine violent crimes, nearly half a dozen thefts and multiple arrests of individuals with felony warrants.

"The City wants to see businesses thrive on Sullivant Ave., but that becomes increasingly hard as long as there are nuisance properties that threaten public safety and limit the economic potential of our west side neighborhoods. Shutting this bar down is a step in the right direction for the neighborhood," said Assistant City Attorney Sarah Pomeroy, a member of the Property Action Team.

For the remainder of its days in operation, Cain's is required to initiate last call by 12:30 a.m. and close by 1 a.m. Licensed security must remain on site until all patrons clear the parking lot

and vicinity. Additionally, owners must meet regularly with the City and CPD to discuss ongoing compliance and safety concerns at the premises.

Under the terms of the court order, CPD also reserves the right to arrest and trespass any individuals loitering after the close of business and bar owners must maintain a towing contract to promptly remove any vehicles left on site after business hours.

Upon the closure of Cain's at the end of the year, owners will place its liquor permit into safekeeping with Ohio Liquor Control until owners can transfer the permit to another operator.

Additionally, specialists from the Court and CPD are permitted to enter the premises during regular business hours to ensure that all terms are being enforced.