



# News Release

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## **OLCC orders immediate suspension of liquor license for Club 915**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has issued an immediate suspension of the liquor license for Club 915 effective 11:00 a.m., Jan. 7. The suspension is supported by the City of Portland, Bureau of Police, which submitted a request for an emergency suspension based on a history of serious and persistent problems at the business.

Nineteen serious incidents including shootings, fights, altercations and drugs have led to the suspension. The most recent incident involved a shooting New Year's Day resulting in the death of Ruben Mata who was working at the club.

"There's a pattern of people getting hurt at this business," says Linda Ignowski, Regulatory Services Director. "We, along with Portland Police, have worked closely with the owner to try to increase the safety of customers, employees and members of the public. Club 915 had a compliance plan to address these problems, but was not following the steps in the plan. At this point, we believe that an immediate suspension of their liquor license is necessary to keep the public from further harm."

The liquor license is held by Jin's International Entertainment, LLC; Frank Chin is the managing member. Club 915 is located at 915 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland.

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PERSONAL DELIVERY

**ORDER OF IMMEDIATE LICENSE SUSPENSION**  
**and NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

Your Full On-Premises License is suspended **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**. You must stop selling alcoholic beverages at 915 SW 2nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon until further order by the Commission.

This Order of Immediate License Suspension is being issued because continued operation of your premises represents a serious danger to the public health and safety. ORS 183.430(2).

This suspension is based upon the following alleged violation of ORS 471.315(1)(c) which the Commission will take action on separately from this Order of Immediate Suspension:

There is a history of serious and persistent problems involving disturbances, lewd or unlawful activities or noise either in the premises or involving patrons of the establishment in the immediate vicinity of the premises. This is a violation of ORS 471.315(1)(c). The problems include the following:

On January 24, 2010 at about 2:24 AM, Portland Police Bureau (PPB) officers were flagged down by a patron who was assaulted as she left the premises. The aggressor was arrested on two counts of Assault IV.

On February 14, 2010 at about 1:00 AM, a patron's purse was stolen from inside the premises. Subsequently, \$764.99 was fraudulently charged to her debit card, which had been inside the purse.

On March 6, 2010 at about 2:37 AM, PPB officers arrested a patron for driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII). The patron was stopped in the immediate vicinity of the premises, admitted to consuming alcohol at the premises, and provided a breath sample which showed her BAC as .17%.



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On March 13, 2010 at about 2:05 AM, PPB officers responded to the vicinity of the premises regarding shots fired and discovered nine shell casings on the sidewalk. Bullets damaged a vehicle and building. An officer stopped a vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed. The driver had been a patron of the premises and left the premises when he heard the shots. Officers discovered 51 grams of marijuana in the vehicle and 33 grams of marijuana on the patron's person. The patron was arrested for Delivery of a Controlled Substance 1 and Possession of a Controlled Substance 1.

On May 9, 2010 at about 12:38 AM, PPB officers responded to the premises regarding a fight. At the premises they contacted a patron who was intoxicated and refused to follow orders. The patron was transported to Hooper Detoxification Center where he provided a breath sample that showed his BAC as .18%.

On May 16, 2010 at about 2:25 AM, PPB officers responded to the vicinity of the premises regarding an assault and found an intoxicated and disoriented patron bleeding from the mouth. The incident began inside the premises when one group of suspected gang members began "talkin' smack" to another group including the injured patron. When the patron left the premises, the group followed and attacked him.

On June 5, 2010 at about 2:22 AM, PPB officers responded to the vicinity of the premises regarding an assault and found that an intoxicated patron had been pepper sprayed. The patron was attacked by another intoxicated patron when she left the premises. Two other patrons were found to be intoxicated.

On June 12, 2010 at about 12:05 AM, a patron's Oregon identification card was stolen from inside the premises.

On June 13, 2010 at about 12:45 AM, PPB officers responded to the premises regarding a fight and learned that a group of approximately 20 patrons had been fighting inside the premises. The aggressor was highly intoxicated and was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Harassment.

On June 20, 2010 at about 2:30 AM, two patrons fought at the premises. One threw the other's telephone and broke it.

On June 24, 2010 at about 11:00 PM, a patron's telephone was stolen at the premises.

On June 26, 2010 at about 1:30 AM, a patron was assaulted as she left the premises. Her telephone and wallet were stolen during the fight, which lasted for approximately 15 minutes.

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On June 26, 2010 at about 2:10 AM, a patron decided to leave after having been in the premises for a few minutes because she noticed another patron who had previously threatened her. As she left the premises, the patron was assaulted by the other patron who had threatened her as well as by two other patrons. The victim sustained a sprained wrist, numerous cuts and bruises, and a fractured finger. Two of the aggressors were arrested for Assault III. One of the aggressors reported she discovered her purse was missing while at the premises and three credit cards had been used.

On September 11, 2010 at about 2:20 AM, PPB officers responded to the vicinity of the premises regarding a shooting. Two groups of patrons began to fight as they left the premises. One of the patrons pulled a gun from his waistband and fired multiple shots, striking one of the patrons from the other group. The patron who fired the shots was arrested for Attempted Murder, Assault, and Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

November 21, 2010 at about 12:22 AM, PPB officers responded to the premises regarding a disturbance. The officers learned that a group of patrons was about to fight inside the premises and observed several groups of patrons wearing hats and colors that indicated gang affiliation.

The evening of November 22-23, 2010, a patron was removed from the premises for disorderly behavior. Licensee's staff did not allow the patron to retrieve his backpack, which had his coat and stocking cap inside. The next morning, the patron's body was discovered in a fountain a couple of blocks from the premises. The patron had apparently died from exposure.

On December 15, 2010 at about 11:48 PM, PPB officers noticed a strong odor of marijuana inside the premises.

On December 31, 2010 at about 10:45 PM, Portland Fire and Rescue inspectors observed a fight between a patron and security employees inside the premises. The inspectors observed numerous highly intoxicated patrons inside the overcrowded premises.

On January 1, 2011 at about 1:37 AM, PPB officers heard shots fired in the vicinity of the premises. Two groups of patrons fought inside the premises and were escorted out of the premises. One of the patrons attempted to hit a security employee, who pushed the patron to the ground. The patron fired shots from a gun and shot and killed a security employee. The patron was arrested and charged with two counts of Murder.

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**SERIOUS DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

There have been 19 serious incidents at Club 915 over a one-year period. These serious incidents began a few months after the premises was licensed to sell alcohol and have not only persisted but have escalated to the present. The incidents include numerous fights and assaults, drugs, and intoxication. Disturbingly, three incidents have included shots fired from a gun. A patron was wounded in one of these shooting incidents. In the most recent incident, on January 1, 2011, a security employee was shot and killed by a patron who had been involved in a fight inside the premises just prior to the shooting.

The liquor license at Club 915 was issued with a letter of caution to operate as Mr. Chin had proposed. Specifically, he was to follow his control plan which, if followed, could help prevent problems at the premises. However, that control plan, dated June 10, 2009, was not followed and serious problems have occurred.

OLCC staff have given verbal instructions to Mr. Chin regarding over-service of alcohol, permitting disorderly activity, and unlawful drug activity. On September 18, 2010, OLCC staff held an intervention meeting with Mr. Chin. At this meeting, Mr. Chin accepted blame for not calling 911 immediately after the recent shooting that involved patrons of his premises. Mr. Chin said that he and his staff do not have full control over the dress code of his patrons. Mr. Chin expressed concern about being able to exclude patrons and fear of retaliation for standing up to possible gang members. At the meeting, Mr. Chin agreed to increase his dress code, monitor capacity, call PPB for any physical disturbance, use a metal detector wand and conduct pat downs of patrons, maintain an 86 list, screen promoters carefully, and use security on street corners at and after closing time.

On September 28, 2010, PPB Officer Charles Harris met with Mr. Chin. At this meeting, Mr. Chin acknowledged that he has a gang problem at Club 915. Officer Harris told Mr. Chin that he needed to have a strict dress code, code of conduct, conduct pat-downs of incoming patrons, and add security. Mr. Chin said he would develop a control plan for the club but was unsure of how effective the plan would be because he was "scared of my customers, they carry guns." Officer Harris told Mr. Chin that his fear was all the more reason to develop a thorough and strict control plan and be consistent in the plan's implementation.

On October 1, 2010, PPB Officer Mark Friedman met with Mr. Chin. This meeting covered essentially the same information as in the meeting with Officer Harris.

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Although OLCC and PPB have presented Mr. Chin with a number of alternatives to handle the issues that are present at Club 915, he has chosen not to implement those alternatives. Five serious incidents have occurred since the OLCC intervention meeting and the meetings with Officers Harris and Friedman. The five incidents have involved disorderly activity, drugs, fights, and the murder of a security employee by a patron.

On January 5, 2011, Executive Director Steve Pharo received a letter from Portland Police Chief Michael Reese requesting that the OLCC immediately suspend the liquor license at Club 915. According to ORS 183.430(2), the Commission may immediately suspend a license if it finds a serious danger to the public health or safety. The number and frequency of violent incidents at this premises and in the immediate vicinity show that Mr. Chin is not able to control the serious problems which have repeatedly occurred in and around the premises. These incidents are creating a serious danger to the public health and safety. Since Mr. Chin has failed to take immediate and effective action to prevent such serious and persistent problems, the Commission must impose this immediate suspension to keep the public from further harm.

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS**

"Licensee" is defined as including any member of a limited liability company whose membership interest is ten percent or more of the total membership interest (OAR 845-006-0301). Therefore, the licensee includes Frank Chin, Managing Member of Jin's International Entertainment, LLC. Additionally, Jin's International Entertainment, LLC is responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees and representatives in violation of any law affecting license privileges (OAR 845-006-0362).

### **HEARINGS RIGHTS**

You have the right to a hearing to dispute the Order of Immediate License Suspension and to demand a hearing to be held as soon as practicable to contest the immediate license suspension order. If you want a hearing, please sign and date the enclosed form and return it to the address listed on the form no later than April 7, 2011. Individuals may be represented by an attorney. **Per OAR 137-003-0550, limited liability companies must be represented by an attorney.**

Hearings are conducted by the Office of Administrative Hearings under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, according to the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183), Attorney General's Rules for the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAR Chapter 137) and Commission Administrative Rules (OAR Chapter 845 Division 03).

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If you do not request a hearing within 90 calendar days of the date of this order, you will have waived your right to a hearing on the Immediate License Suspension.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SAP', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephen A. Pharo  
Executive Director

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If you have any questions call 503-872-5128 or 800-452-6522 extension 5128.