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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

On Thursday, October 3, 2019, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents conducted an operation focusing on LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28262. LEATHER AND LACE NORTH is a topless private club permitted by the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Commission to sell Malt Beverages on Premise, Unfortified Wine on Premise, Fortified Wine on Premise, and is a Mixed Beverage Private Club. Undercover ALE Agents and Mecklenburg ABC Officers were sent into observe violations of NCGS 18B, NCGS Chapter 90, and all other criminal and regulatory violations.

Previously, ALE Agents were given a complaint regarding LEATHER AND LACE NORTH. The complaint alleged the following: female dancers showing their genitals, employees and managers consuming alcoholic beverages on duty, dancers charging \$1000 for sexual favors, female dancers doing drugs in the back of the venue, dancers possibly selling drugs, patrons selling drugs, and the manager allowing violations to occur.

On Thursday, October 3, 2019, at approximately 10:30 p.m., ALE Special Agents and Mecklenburg ABC Officers met at a predetermined location to discuss the details for the upcoming undercover operation regarding LEATHER AND LACE NORTH. Assisting Agents included Special Agents T. Fisher, R. Huneycutt, T. Ogg, and undercover agents N. Basgall and D. Parker. Mecklenburg ABC Officers Helms and Long also participated in the operation.

At 11:27 p.m., Undercover agents/officers (referred to as UC's) Basgall, Parker, and Helms arrived at LEATHER AND LACE NORTH and entered through the main entrance. The UC's identifications were scanned, but they were not required to sign up for a membership, fill out a membership application, nor pay an annual membership fee. This is a violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0107 Special Requirements for Private Clubs. (See statements of Special Agents Basgall and Parker)

At 11:39 p.m., UC's observed a male patron buy what appeared to be two Patron spirituous liquor drinks from a bartender. The male patron was then observed bringing the drinks to two female dancers, where one started consuming it. This is a violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0209 Consumption: Intoxication by Permittee Prohibited. (See statements of Special Agents Basgall and Parker)

At 12:32 a.m., UC's observed a white male patron wearing a light blue polo shirt and tan shorts. The male patron was observed having difficulty getting up out of a chair and was very unsteady on his feet. The male patron was also observed bumping into a pool table and speaking with slurred speech. This male patron was also observed drinking a malt beverage, which is a violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0204 Intoxicated Persons. (See statements of Special Agents Basgall and Parker)

At 2:00 a.m., UC's left LEATHER AND LACE NORTH and met with Special Agents Huneycutt, Ogg and I at a predetermined location.

No further contact with LEATHER AND LACE NORTH on this date.

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On Saturday, November 16, 2019, at 10:30 p.m., North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Special Agents Putnam, Basgall, Ogg, and Belvin met at a predetermined location to discuss the details of the upcoming operations. S/As Putnam and Basgall would be serving as undercover agents, with S/A Ogg, S/A Belvin and I serving as close over and extraction agents. I supplied S/A Putnam and Basgall with \$390.00 in ALE issued undercover funds to support the operation.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., undercover agents Basgall and Putnam arrived and entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH through the main entrance. Again, they were not required to sign in, fill out a membership application, nor pay a membership fee. This is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0107 Special Requirements for Private Clubs. (See statements of Special Agents Basgall and Putnam)

At approximately 12:21 a.m., undercover agents were able to observe a female employee working as a dancer. This female dancer was identified by her stage name as "Ling Ling." I was advised by undercover agents that Ling Ling was observed consuming Hennessy spirituous liquor while performing services for LEATHER AND LACE NORTH. This is a violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0209 Consumption: Intoxication by Permittee Prohibited. (See statements of Special Agents Basgall and Putnam)

At approximately 1:20 a.m., undercover agents observed an unidentified male wearing a light blue pinstriped jacket sitting at the bar. This male subject was observed to be heavily intoxicated, as he was falling asleep at the bar and falling out his chair. Undercover agents were able to observe this patron being allowed to consume a mixed beverage out of a glass container, which is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0204 Intoxicated Persons. (See statements of Special Agents Basgall and Putnam)

At approximately 1:30 a.m., undercover agents began conversing with a black female employee working as a dancer. This female introduced herself by her stage name "Yummy," and was later identified as Bianca Christine THORPE (DOB 05/31/1988; 1407 Bells Knox Rd, Charlotte, NC 28214; NCOLN 30118328). Undercover agents were subsequently able to purchase approximately one gram of powder cocaine from THORPE. I was advised THORPE took a \$100 US Currency bill from the undercover agents, brought it to the cash register behind the bar, and broke the bill for change using cash from the cash register. THORPE brought back \$40 in cash, and she was tipped \$20. A short time later, she delivered a small clear plastic baggie of powder cocaine to undercover agent Putnam. This is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0206 Illegal Drug Use Prohibited. Also a violation of NCGS 90-95(A)(1) Sell/Deliver Cocaine and 90-95(A) Possession w/ Intent to Sell or Deliver Cocaine. (See statements of Special Agents Basgall and Putnam)

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Undercover agents exited LEATHER AND LACE NORTH at approximately 1:45 a.m., and traveled back to a predetermined location to be debriefed. During the debriefing, I conducted a field test of the suspected powder cocaine, which returned positive. The evidence was logged into the ALE District VI evidence facility.

No further contact with LEATHER AND LACE NORTH on this date.

On Thursday, November 21, 2019, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents conducted an another operation focusing on LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28262. Undercover ALE Agents were sent in to observe violations of NCGS 18B, NCGS Chapter 90, and all other criminal and regulatory violations.

On Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 10:15 p.m., North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Special Agents Putnam, Basgall, Ogg, and Parker met at a predetermined location to discuss the details of the upcoming operations. S/As Putnam and Basgall would be serving as undercover agents, with S/A Ogg, S/A Parker and I serving as close over and extraction agents. I supplied S/A Putnam and Basgall with \$586.25 in ALE issued undercover funds to support the operation. One of the main goals of this operation was to positively identify THORPE.

Undercover S/A's Putnam and Basgall entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH at 11:14 p.m. They immediately advised that the target, THORPE was not present. Efforts were continued regardless. While entering the premise, UC agents were not required to fill out any membership paperwork, review any membership rules, nor pay an annual membership fee. This is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0107 Special Requirements for Private Clubs. (See statement of Special Agent Basgall)

During the operation, S/A Putnam observed a black female employee working as a dancer. She was identified as "Kenisha," a tall black female. S/A Putnam observed Kenisha performing dancing services with her genitals exposed and allowing patrons to touch her during the dance. At one point, a white female with curly hair, possibly the "house mom" went over to Kenisha and fixed her clothes. This is a violation of NCGS 18B-1005.1. Sexually explicit conduct on licensed premises.

At 12:24 a.m., S/A Basgall advised of a white female employee working as a dancer. She was seen wearing a purple dress. This dancer was observed consuming multiple alcoholic beverages and appeared intoxicated, as she was stumbling and walking into chairs. This is a violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0209 Consumption: Intoxication by Permittee Prohibited. (See statements of Special Agents Basgall and Putnam)

At 12:37 a.m., undercover agents departed LEATHER AND LACE NORTH and traveled back to a predetermined location for debriefing.

No further contact with LEATHER AND LACE NORTH on this date.

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, Special B. Putnam entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28269 in an undercover capacity. Undercover ALE Agents were sent in to

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observe violations of NCGS 18B, NCGS Chapter 90, and all other criminal and regulatory violations. Special Agent D. Parker served as close cover/protection for S/A Putnam during this operation.

S/A Putnam entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH at 8:46 p.m., and entered through the main entrance. He was charged a cover fee, but no private club membership regulations were followed; for example, S/A Putnam was not required to sign in, nor fill out any annual membership documentations or applications. This is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0107 Special Requirements for Private Clubs. (See statement of Special Agent Putnam).

Shortly after entering LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, S/A Putnam approached the bar and ordered a Crown Royal Apple spirituous liquor shot. The bartender asked if it was for "Yummy," now positively identified as Bianca Christine THORPE (DOB 05/31/1988; 1407 Bells Knox Road, Charlotte, NC 28214; NCOLN 30118328). This in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0209 Consumption: Intoxication by Permittee Prohibited. (See statement of Special Agent Putnam)

At approximately 9:15 p.m., S/A B. Putman was able to purchase one gram of powder cocaine from THORPE for \$60.00. S/A Putnam observed THORPE leave the dance floor, walk backstage, and return seconds later with a small clear baggie of powder of cocaine. THORPE conducted the hand to hand drug transaction with S/A Putnam at the table he was sitting at near the dance stage. S/A Putnam reported that Timothy Baucom (possible manager/owner) was sitting in close proximity to S/A Putnam and THORPE during the narcotics transaction. This is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0206 Illegal Drug Use Prohibited. Also a violation of NCGS 90-95(A)(1) Sell/Deliver Cocaine and 90-95(A) Possession w/ Intent to Sell or Deliver Cocaine. (See statement of Special Agent Putnam).

No further contact with LEATHER AND LACE NORTH on this date.

On Monday, December 9, 2019, at approximately 2:30 p.m., S/A Putnam turned over the powder cocaine to me. I conducted a field test of the powder cocaine, which returned positive for cocaine. The evidence was processed accordingly and logged into the ALE District VI evidence facility.

On Friday, December 20, 2019, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents conducted an another operation focusing on LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28262. Undercover ALE Agents were sent in to observe violations of NCGS 18B, NCGS Chapter 90, and all other criminal and regulatory violations.

At approximately 8:30 P.M., Special Agents B. Putnam, N. Basgall, T. Fisher, and I met at a predetermined location to discuss the details of the upcoming operation. S/A Putnam and Basgall served as Undercover Agents for the operation and were provided with \$426.00 in ALE issued undercover funds to support the operation. S/A Fisher and I served as close cover/protection for the undercover agents.

At 9:40 P.M., undercover agents arrived and entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH. Both agents were greeted by Jennifer Alaniz, who was serving as the greeter or hostess. Agents were not required to fill out any

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membership paperwork, sign into a roster, pay a membership fee nor given any policies or procedures for membership, which is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0107 Special Requirements for Private Clubs. (See statement of Special Agent N. Basgall).

During the time inside LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, S/A Basgall was able to observe a white male patron dancing around while holding a bottle of malt beverage. S/A Basgall believed this male patron to be intoxicated, which is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0204 Intoxicated Persons. (See statement of Special Agent Basgall).

During the UC agents time inside LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, S/A Putnam and Basgall met with and interacted with Bianca C. THORPE (DOB 05/31/1988; 1407 Bells Knox Road, Charlotte, NC 28214; NCOLN 30118328), who was being employed as a dancer at the time. During the interaction, S/A Putnam ordered an "eight ball" (1/8th ounce) of cocaine from THORPE. Agents paid \$200.00 US cash currency for the cocaine, which was delivered to S/A Putnam and Basgall in three separate baggies, later found to be a total weight of 3.24 grams. During this transaction, undercover agents were able to determine that THORPE made a FaceTime call with unknown black male identified as "Steve," in order to finalize the narcotic transaction. This is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0206 Illegal Drug Use Prohibited. Also a violation of NCGS 90-95(A)(1) Sell/Deliver Cocaine, 90-95(A) Possession w/ Intent to Sell or Deliver Cocaine, and NCGS 90-98; Conspire to sell/deliver Cocaine. (See statement of Special Agent B. Putnam and Special Agent Basgall).

During their time interacting with THORPE, S/A Basgall advised THORPE requested S/A Basgall order her a Jose Cuervo Gold with salt and lime. S/A Basgall ordered such, which the bartended poured into a plastic cup that only the dancers drink from. Later, S/A Basgall was approached by a female dancer, Anne-Marie Weatherly, who requested S/A Basgall buy her a drink. S/A Basgall bought a cranberry and vodka drink for Weatherly, which she took, and stated she would return to S/A Basgall. Due to the evidence of the dancers ordering drinks and consuming, this is a violation 14B NCAC15B .0209 Consumption: Intoxication by Permittee Prohibited. (See statement of Special Agent Basgall)

UC agents departed LEATHER AND LACE NORTH at approximately 10:58 P.M. and had no further contact with the establishment on this date.

On Wednesday, February, 5, 2020, I compiled all information from previous three cocaine sales to the undercover agents. I entered the information in NCAWARE in preparation for swearing out the warrants in front of a Mecklenburg County magistrate. Ten felony warrants were subsequently issued for THORPE for the previous controlled substance purchases.

On Thursday, February 6, 2020, Special Agent T. Ogg, C. Lowe and I conducted a written inspection on LEATHER AND LACE NORTH in an effort to close out the initial complaint and locate and apprehend Ms. THORPE. At approximately 9:00 P.M., we entered through the front, main entrance and identified ourselves as Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents and of our intent to conduct an inspection.

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While I met with regional manager Tim Baucom, S/A Ogg and Lowe inspected the locker room/basement area of the premise. While doing so, S/A Ogg had one of the female dancers submit to a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) to detect for alcohol. The female dancer, Sheela Irmay Vega (DOB 11/19/1996; 8001 Pawtuckett Rd, Charlotte, NC; NCOLN 47433965), registered a .01 BAC, and admitted to taking a shot of Fireball about thirty minutes earlier. Later into the inspection, S/A Ogg put a female cocktail waitress, Dianne Teresa Serio (DOB 10/26/1982; 3026 Highway 905, Conway, SC; SCOLN 011356835), on the PBT. She registered a .02 and admitted to drinking a glass of wine and taking a shot before going to work. This is in violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0209 Consumption: Intoxication by Permittee Prohibited. (See statement of Special Agent T. Ogg)

Later into the inspection, I asked Mr. Baucom to show me his membership system. Mr. Baucom logged into the front computer system where they use the "Bar Man" membership software. I found no issues with how guests are checked in and no issues with their master membership roster. I then asked to see their membership application system, to which Mr. Baucom stated they do not have new members fill anything out or sign anything. Mr. Baucom admitted they have been meaning to put one in place, but have not created an application system yet. I advised Mr. Baucom this is a violation of 14B NCAC 15B .0107 Special Requirements for Private Clubs, and he needs to put a system in place immediately. (See statement of Special Agent Lowe)

At approximately 10:00 P.M, S/A Ogg, Lowe and I concluded our inspection, without locating THORPE. I advised Mr. Baucom of the two violations observed, Employee Consumption/Intoxication and Membership Failure. S/A Ogg, Lowe, and I departed through the front, main entrance/exit.

No further contact with LEATHER AND LACE NORTH on this date and time.

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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT N. BASGALL

On Thursday, October 3, 2019, at approximately 11:29 p.m., Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Law Enforcement Division (Meck. ABC) Officer D. Helms and Special Agents (S/A) D. Parker and I with the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28269, in an undercover capacity. LEATHER AND LACE NORTH is licensed through the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Commission which currently retains Active Malt-Beverage On-Premise, Unfortified Wine On-Premise, Fortified Wine On-Premises, and Mixed Beverage Private Club permits.



The reason for our visit was to corroborate a complaint that the business and its employees were consuming alcoholic beverages and performing services, allowing the use/sells of controlled substances, exposing genitals, performing sexual acts for money, and to ensure the business was complying with all other ABC Laws, ABC regulations and all other North Carolina General Statute(s). S/A's T. Ogg, T. Fisher, J. Dzierzynski, and R. Huneycutt, as well as Meck ABC Officer Long, were acting as the cover and surveillance team. UC's were provided undercover funds for purchases.

S/A D. Parker, Meck. ABC Officer D. Helms and I entered the establishment through the front door which opened up to a small room that was obstructed by another door that required us to be buzzed in. We were greeted by an unidentified female, later identified as Jennifer Alaniz (11/22/92), who told us the cover fee was \$10 dollars to enter. There was a roster sitting on the counter in front of her but, she did not give any instructions on what to do with it. She asked for our ID's, which I provided mine, and she scanned and gave the ID back to me. We paid the cover fee and she buzzed us in. None of the undercover (UC) persons were asked to provide proof of membership, filled out the applicable membership application, paid the membership fee, were given policy concerning the use of facilities by guests, nor were provided any proof of membership. Membership was not discussed at all.

We walked inside the private club and I observed approximately 10 patrons, 8 dancers, 1 person who appeared to act as a security member, and 1 bartender. We walked over to the bar and spoke to the bartender, later identified as Calinda Steinseifer (050193), and I ordered a rum and coke. Steinseifer concocted the drink in a shot glass cup, handed it to me, and I provided cash for it. I observed S/A D. Parker order a vodka and Redbull and observed Steinseifer hand him a short glass cup.

While at the bar I observed a dancer sitting at the bar with a patron drinking from a plastic cup that was approximately 2/3rds full of pinkish liquid. I then observed and overheard an unidentified male patron approach the bar and order two drinks. He was specific with the ingredients of the drink asking if they had a certain garnish. Steinseifer discussed with the man what garnishes they had available and asked the man if the drinks were for "the girls." The man said yes and Steinseifer walked over to a stack of plastic cups, retrieved two of them, went to the bar and poured liquid from a ABC tax stamped 750mL Patron bottle into the cups, and added a thin slice of what appeared to be lemon peel.

I watched the man take the two beverages, walk over to two of the dancers who were seated and congregating with patrons, and hand one to each of them. I observed the dancer facing me consume the beverage and observed the one facing away from me bring the cup up towards her face and rock her head back as if consuming the drink. After a few minutes, I walked by the tables where the cups were laying and observed them to be empty.

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At approximately 12:14 a.m., I observed two unidentified white males enter the private club. One, who was wearing a white shirt, dark pants, and glasses, was stumbling, flailing his arms about, and bumping into tables and chairs as he attempted to navigate the room. The other male was wearing a light blue polo shirt and tan shorts. He was walking with heavy feet, almost dragging them, was speaking loudly, and had an overly elated expression on his face. They approached the bar and spoke briefly to Steinseifer and then walked away, empty-handed, and made their way towards the middle of the room.

At approximately 12:32 I observed the unidentified male wearing the light blue polo approach the bar. During his journey, he still walked with heavy feet taking exaggerated steps around obstacles like tables, chairs, and other patrons. Steinseifer was fixated on her cellphone and did not see his approach. Steinseifer soon realized he was there and served him a bottle with a white-label, which appeared to be a malt beverage. As the man rotated in his chair to stand up, Steinseifer turned her attention to someone else. The man had difficulty getting out of the chair but, soon succeeded and began to walk away from the bar.

The man walked towards a pool table that was stationed near the entrance. As he came to it he bumped into it, hard, nearly knocking his leg out from under him. He began to talk to a dancer who was playing pool. I could hear him speaking over the background music as he yelled to converse with the dancer even though I was at least twice as far away from him as the dancer. As he spoke to the dancer he was swaying as he vigorously tried to stay erect. As he attempted to lean on the pool table for support he slid off of it and had to thrust his foot out to not fall. Even from this distance and with the loud background noise he spoke with long stretched out words and slurred speech. He drank from the bottle several times during the engagement. He eventually turned away and returned to the other male. After a few minutes, he stood again and began to walk towards the restroom. I stood and followed to attempt to observe his behavior and speak to him.

He entered the restroom and I soon walked in after him. As I walked inside I observed him standing using the urinal. He slowly turned his head and body towards me to look at me. As he did I observed his stream of urine leave the urinal and begin to splash across the wall. He looked at me with glassy droopy eyes then slowly turned his head and body back towards the urinal as a walked behind him. It appeared that he didn't even realize he was urinating on the wall and floor. I began to talk to him while I stood in the other stall. His speech pattern was heavily slurred and consisted of approximately 3 – 5 word segments with intermittent pauses of "fuck... umm" or "umm... shit." We discussed the price of alcoholic beverages at the location, him declaring the bottle he had as a "stella," and he shared his opinion of how the business was being run. At one point in time, as he turned from the paper towel dispenser to face me, he fell back into the wall and had difficulty pushing himself back onto his feet. I followed him out of the restroom and returned to S/A D. Parker and Meck. ABC Officer Helms.

After some time, I observed the male in the light blue polo and the male with the white shirt get up and begin to walk towards the exit. The man in the light blue polo attempted to exit by walking through the wrong doors. Once he found the correct door, I stood to follow them outside. I exited the building and as I turned the corner I observed the male in the light blue polo with his pants around his ankles attempting to walk through the parking lot. He was having to take short fast steps because the pants reduced the range of motion of his legs. The man in the white shirt stood by a vehicle laughing. The white shirt male entered the driver seat and the light blue polo male the front passenger seat. They left the premises. I returned inside and sat by the other UC's.

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While seated with the other UC's, I observed the same patron and dancer sitting at the bar I observed when I arrived. I saw that the plastic cup that was sitting on the bar in front of her was now full of pinkish liquid. I approached Steinseifer and order a malt beverage and asked for a sweet drink. She asked what kind of drinks I like. I turned and pointed to the drink that was in front of the seated dancer and stated that it looks good and asked what was in it. Steinseifer stated it was a "Dirty Shirley." I asked what was in it. Steinseifer said that it consisted of sprite, grenadine, and vodka. I told her that it sounded great and ordered one. She made one for me in a short glass cup, handed it to me, and I paid cash for it.

While inside I observed all three dancers that I saw consuming alcoholic beverages congregate with patrons, dance on the stage, and the one who was seated at the bar drinking from the "Dirty Shirley" conduct a private dance with a patron in the VIP area.

During my entire time at LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, I was never asked to complete a membership application, pay a membership fee, nor was I given a membership card. I have never been a member of LEATHER AND LACE NORTH. Also, I have never been a patron at LEATHER AND LACE NORTH before 11:29 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

At approximately 2:01 a.m., S/A D. Parker, Meck ABC Officer D. Helms, and I left the premises.

On Saturday, November 16, 2019, at approximately 11:33 p.m., Special Agents (S/A) R. Putnam and I, with the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (NCALE), entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28269, in an undercover capacity. LEATHER AND LACE NORTH is licensed through the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Commission which currently retains Active Malt-Beverage On-Premise, Unfortified Wine On-Premise, Fortified Wine On-Premises, and Mixed Beverage Private Club permits.

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S/A R. Putnam and I entered the establishment through the front door which opened up to a small room that was obstructed by another door that required us to be buzzed in. We were greeted by Jennifer Alaniz (11/22/92), who told us the cover fee was \$15 dollars to enter. There was a roster sitting on the counter in front of her but, she did not give any instructions on what to do with it. She asked for my ID, which I provided mine, and she scanned and gave the ID back to me. We paid the cover fee and she buzzed us in. S/A R. Putnam was not asked for an ID at all. None of the undercover UC's were not asked to provide proof of membership, filled out the applicable membership application, paid the membership fee, were given policy concerning the use of facilities by guests, nor were provided any proof of membership. Membership or annual fees was not discussed at all.

We walked inside the private club and I observed approximately 25 patrons, 12 dancers, and 1 bartender. I went to the bar and ordered a "rum and coke." The bartender was a white female with curly dirty blonde hair that was

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below her shoulders. She was relatively skinny and approximately 5' 4". I observed the bartender pour from a liquor bottle that had an affixed tax stamp. She handed it to me, I provided UC funds and consumed the beverage. It had the odor and taste of an alcoholic beverage. As I stood at the bar a dancer who went by the name of "Ling Ling" approached me and began conversing with me. We spoke for several minutes then sat down at a table. "Ling Ling" sat down on my lap. Another dancer who went by the name of "Yummy" and later declared her name as "Bianca" sat down at a chair across the table from me closer to S/A R. Putnam.



We conversed for several minutes and I then observed S/A R. Putnam stand up from the table, walk to the bar, and return with two drinks. Both drinks were in glass cups and consisted of brown liquid with one having ice and a straw and the other just liquid. S/A R. Putnam placed the drink with the ice and straw in front of him and the other was placed in front of "Bianca." "Bianca" uttered something along the lines, gesturing towards the glass in front of her, that her whiskey was strong. I then asked if it was whiskey she was drinking and she expressed it was. The conversation then turned to that "Ling Ling" wanted a drink but, was polite and didn't want to ask. I asked her if she would like to have a drink and she said she did and she wanted a shot of Hennessey. I went to the bar and ordered another rum and coke and a shot of Hennessey.

I watched as the bartender made the rum and coke in a glass and saw that she poured liquid from a tax stamped Hennessey bottle into a plastic cup. I provided UC funds for the beverages, returned to the table, and handed the shot to "Ling Ling," which she accepted. We observed two dancers walk into the private club dressed as if they just arrived. We all looked at one another and laughed, considering the hour in which they are arriving at work. "Bianca" openly questioned why they were even there because they would have to pay more than what they would earn. I then asked how much they had to pay to work for the night. They went into a breakdown of how it would be different prices depending on what time they got there. "Ling Ling" expressed she only had to pay \$70.00 because she got there early whereas the girls who just got there would probably have to pay \$140.00.

"Ling Ling" asked if I would like a private dance from her. She escorted me to the VIP area of the club and danced. At the end of the dance, she stood up and began adjusting her garments as I remained seated. As she came to her underwear, which was the only garment she was wearing about her waist, she pulled them out and down to adjust them, slightly exposing her pubic hair. She saw that I saw her do it, smiled, then quickly brought the underwear further down exposing the front region of her pubic area and pubic hair.

"Ling Ling" finished putting her garments on, I paid her the dues I owed, then she gestured with her plastic cup containing Hennessey that she wanted to clicked her and my cups together. I grabbed my glass, clicked my glass with hers, and she consumed the liquid. She thanked me and then continued to walk about the business speaking to other patrons. I returned to my table where "Bianca" and S/A R. Putnam were sitting. I observed "Ling Ling" go to and sit on the lap of another patron and begin conversing with him.

When I arrived S/A R. Putnam advised me he order cocaine from "Bianca" and she was attempting to gather it for him. Soon after "Bianca" returned, sat, and we continued to talk. While that was transpiring I observed S/A R. Putnam go to the bar several times and return to the table with two beverages. One he would give to "Bianca" and she would consume it. Several times "Bianca" asked S/A R. Putnam and me if we were cops and would stress that she doesn't want to get locked up. She seemed nervous as she questioned us.

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As this was going on, I noticed a male enter the business and observed him linger, standing at different places along the wall. He was a dark-skinned with long dreads or braids with a goatee, was approximately 5' 8" with a light build. He had a large green jacket on. Several times while I glanced around the private club I would see him looking at our table. I observed "Ling Ling" take a patron to the back and begin to dance.

Sometime after I noticed an older male flopped on a chair at the bar with his elbow on the bar and using the back of his hand to support his head. He was wearing a dark-colored pinstriped jacket, light blue jeans, and blue shoes. I walked over to the bar and began conversing with patrons beside the older man. I observed an empty glass sitting in front of him. I noticed his eyes were closed as if he was sleeping. While watching him I saw, multiple times, his face would slide off of his hand making him jerk himself awake as he struggled to stay upright. He about fell out of the chair twice. From my experience and training, I could tell the older man was heavily intoxicated. Eventually, another patron walked up to him and roused him.

The older man attempted to stand, fell back into the chair, then made his way to his feet waving his arms at the bartender. I observed the bartender speak to him and the other patron, which the older man and patron were now holding one another to stay erect. She turned around, grabbed glasses, and then started manipulating the liquor bottles. I noticed "Bianca" was looking around the bar nervously. I saw the male with the large green jacket sit down at a chair directly behind S/A R. Putnam. I went back and sat at the table.

Shortly after I looked back over to the heavily intoxicated older man who was at the bar and saw two glasses were sitting in front of him containing ice, straws, and brown liquid, and a bottle of water. The older man was taking great effort in picking up and consuming the contents of the glass. His movements were slow, lethargic, and very clumsy.

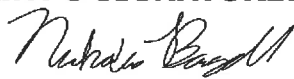

After conversing with "Bianca" and S/A B. Putnam for several more minutes S/A B. Putnam and I got up to leave the business. As we were walking towards the door I looked over to the intoxicated male at the bar and observed him leaning on the bar bobbing up and down and slight left and right while he was tilting a glass in his hand towards his face while he had a straw in his mouth. As we exited a male quickly came from behind us and thanked us for visiting the business and shook both S/A B. Putnam's and my hand.

S/A B. Putnam and I returned to our vehicle. Once inside the car S/A B. Putnam advised and showed me a clear plastic corner baggie containing a white in color clump of substance that he expressed was the cocaine he purchased from "Bianca." Through my experience and training, I recognized it as cocaine.

During my entire time at LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, I was never asked to complete a membership application, pay a membership fee, nor was I given a membership card. I have never been a member of LEATHER AND LACE NORTH and this is only the second time I have ever been to the location, the other being the first operation.

At approximately 2:01 a.m., S/A B. Putnam and I left the premises.

On Thursday, November 21, 2019, at approximately 11:09 p.m., Special Agents (S/A) R. Putnam and I, with the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (NCALE), entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28269, in an undercover capacity. LEATHER AND LACE NORTH

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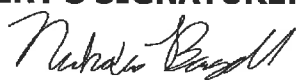

The reason for our visit was to corroborate a complaint that the business and its employees were consuming alcoholic beverages and performing services, allowing the use/sells of controlled substances, exposing genitals, performing sexual acts for money, and to ensure the business was complying with all other ABC Laws, ABC regulations and all other North Carolina General Statute(s). NCALE S/A's T. Ogg, J. Dzierzynski, and D. Parker were acting as the cover and surveillance team. Undercover Agents (UC) were provided undercover funds for purchases.

S/A R. Putnam and I entered the establishment through the front door which opened up to a small room that was obstructed by another door that required us to be buzzed in. We were greeted by Jennifer Alaniz (11/22/92), who told us the cover fee was \$10 dollars to enter. There was a roster sitting on the counter in front of her but, she did not give any instructions on what to do with it. She asked for my ID, which I provided mine, and she scanned and gave the ID back to me. We paid the cover fee and she buzzed us in. UC's were not asked to provide proof of membership, filled out the applicable membership application, paid the membership fee, were given policy concerning the use of facilities by guests, nor were provided any proof of membership. Membership or annual fees was not discussed at all.

We walked inside the private club and I observed approximately 10 patrons, 8 dancers, and 1 bartender. I went to the bar and observed the bartender, later identified as Sandra Minton (08/17/1967), walk from out from behind the bar and cross the room to a refrigerator. I watched as Minton retrieved a bottle of champagne from the refrigerator and bring it back to the bar. She looked at me and said she would be with me in just a minute. I observed her as she struggled to open the bottle, gather two wine glasses, pour the contents of the bottle into the glasses, and give the two glasses to a male and a female that was sitting at the corner of the bar. The female was white and was wearing a tight black dress and large black heeled stilettos. Both persons consumed from the wine glasses.

Minton turned to me and asked what I would like. I ordered a "rum and coke and ginger and jack." Minton poured from liquor bottles that had affixed tax stamps. She handed the drinks to me, I provided UC funds and consumed the beverage. It had the odor and taste of an alcoholic beverage.

S/A R. Putnam and I went and sat down at a table. Shortly after an unidentified black female sat down beside S/A R. Putnam and began talking to us. While we talked I observed the female in the black dress and black stilettos take the man she was seated with to the rear left of the business and unclithe herself and dance. I observed another white female dancer, later identified as Victoria Todd (09/04/1995) walking across the room holding two plastic cups; the same type of cup I know that is given to just the dancers from the bar. She was swaying side to side and bumped into a chair as she walked. She stood around the stage for a few minutes drinking from the cups then climbed on the stage. Her eyes looked bloodshot and she had difficulty with manipulating her outfit. While on stage Todd attempted to dance but, was unsteady on her feet. She tried to maneuver her body around the dance poll but, would have to stop abruptly to regain her balance by thrusting her leg out to the ground. Eventually, she just laid on the stage rolling around and would go crawl on all fours to the back wall of the stage, where she placed her drinks and would drink from them. After a period of time, Todd's turn to dance was over and she began to put her clothing back on.

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It took Todd several minutes to achieve this because her coordination was off. Once complete, she stood up with her now empty plastic cups and began to walk away from the stage. Todd's stumbling appeared to be more profound as she walked into a chair, hard. Given her momentum, she walked through and slightly deflected off of the chair coming to a stop when she hit the table the chair was facing. She pushed the chair away and sidestepped the table just to stumble over another chair as she walked away. From my observations, experience, and training, I believed the dancer to be intoxicated.

Another dancer, later identified as Rebecca Perry (09/16/1985), who went by the name of "Becky" sat beside me and began conversing with me. We talked about how drunk some of the dancers were and discussed her roll there at the establishment. Perry declared she was a manager at the location and has been working at the establishment for approximately 3-4 years and 6 for leather and lace altogether. We went to the bar and Perry asked Minton, the bartender, for a vodka and pineapple juice with extra juice. Minton made the drink and I ordered a Yuengling malt beverage. We returned to the table and Perry consumed from the beverage containing vodka. She then asked to perform a dance for me and I conceded to her request. We went to the back left area and she performed the dance. Once done I paid her my dues and she thanked me and me her.

At approximately 12:36 a.m., S/A B. Putnam and I left the premises.

During my entire time at LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, I was never asked to complete a membership application, pay a membership fee, nor was I given a membership card. I have never been a member of LEATHER AND LACE NORTH.

On Friday, December 20, 2019, at approximately 9:40 p.m., Special Agents (S/A) R. Putnam and I, with the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (NCALE), entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28269, in an undercover capacity. LEATHER AND LACE NORTH is licensed through the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Commission which currently retains Active Malt-Beverage On-Premise, Unfortified Wine On-Premise, Fortified Wine On-Premises, and Mixed Beverage Private Club permits.

The reason for our visit was to make another purchase of cocaine from employee Bianca THORPE (05/31/1988), formerly known as "Yummy" and to corroborate a complaint that the business and its employees were consuming alcoholic beverages and performing services, allowing the use/sells of controlled substances, exposing genitals, performing sexual acts for money, and to ensure the business was complying with all other ABC Laws, ABC regulations and all other North Carolina General Statute(s). NCALE S/A's J. Dzierzynski and T. Fisher were acting as the cover and surveillance team. Undercover Agents (UC) were provided undercover funds for purchases.

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We walked inside the private club and I observed approximately 15 patrons, 10 dancers, and 1 bartender. I received a rum and coke from the unidentified female bartender and consumed it. It had the taste and odor of a mixed beverage. S/A B. Putnam and I sat down at a table. An unidentified female dancer approached us and asked how we were doing. We told her we were doing good and S/A B. Putnam asked if "Yummy" (meaning Bianca THORPE) was present. The dancer said she was and she would go and get her. We thanked her. Shortly after THORPE came to our table and sat down. We all greeted one another and began conversing.

During the conversation, S/A B. Putnam asked THORPE for a favor. She said it depends while smiling. S/A B. Putnam asked THORPE for an "eight ball", meaning 1/8 ounce of cocaine. She stated not so much in a questioning manner, "really." We confirmed yes and she immediately stood up and advised she was going to contact "him." She walked behind the stage towards the dressing rooms. She returned with her phone a few minutes later walked over to our table and advised "he" was on his way. Someone from the bar requested THORPE. She stood up and placed her phone on the table then scooted in front of S/A B. Putnam telling him to let her know when "Dennis" was calling. He acknowledged her request and THORPE went to the bar to speak to whoever summoned her.

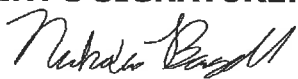

I observed an unidentified white male wearing a baseball cap over his long disheveled hair, dark jacket, and light blue jeans. He was stumping his feet up and down as he rotated his body in a small circle. He was flailing his arms about and rocking his head back and forth and would occasionally clap his hands together, in which one hand was bearing a beer bottle. I could hear him screech over the loud music. I believed him to exhibiting signs of intoxication.

THORPE returned a few minutes later and S/A B. Putnam asked if we could have the cocaine in three separate bags. She said she would call him. She stood back up and returned to the dressing room area. She returned soon after and advised it would be packaged in the that manner. We continued to converse. THORPE requested a drink comprised of Jose Cuervo Gold with salt and lime. I went to the bar and asked for it. The bartender grabbed one of the plastic cups that only dancers are seen using and constructed the drink. As the bartender was doing so another dancer who told me her name was "Carmen" was handed two plastic cups from the bartender.

One was half full of a clear liquid and the other nearly full of a reddish liquid. I asked her what it was as she drank some fluid from the red liquid cup, to make room to pour the clear liquid into it. As she poured the entirety of the liquids from one cup to another she told me it was a double shot of vodka and cranberry juice. I told her it looked strong and she advised it was. She finished mixing the liquids and drank from the cup. The bartender soon finished THORPE drink. I paid for it using UC funds and returned to the table. I handed the cup to THORPE and she consumed it.

I observed the unidentified male walk over to another patron who was sitting in a chair that was up against the wall. The unidentified male bent over to as if to speak to the patron but, as he bent over he began to fall into them. He brought his hand up on the wall to post himself up. He was swaying back and forth as it appeared they were speaking then the intoxicated male walked away with heavy feet.

S/A B. Putnam, THORPE, and I confirmed the price of \$200.00 for the cocaine, and S/A B. Putnam and I both handed THORPE a single \$100.00 bill. THORPE took the money and asked S/A B. Putnam if there would be anything for her. S/A B. Putnam expressed there would be. THORPE took the money and shortly after stood to go

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to the dressing rooms. Soon after two unidentified black males entered the club. They went to the bouncer and manager who were seated against the left wall. They shook hands and embraced with one another. THORPE exited from back behind the dressing rooms approached and hugged one of the two males. While I was observing THORPE and the male talking another dancer, Anne-Marie Weatherly (07/27/95), came from behind me introduced herself, and sat on my lap blocking my view.

After a few moments, I observed THORPE return to the table. As she sat down I saw her hand S/A B. Putnam something. I saw S/A B. Putnam take the items and place them into his pocket. After several requests from Weatherly to purchase her a drink she and I went to the bar to get her one. She ordered a cranberry and Grey Goose vodka mixed beverage. I ordered a Yuengling malt beverage. I used UC funds to purchase the drinks. Weatherly took the drink thanked me then told me she would be back. I returned to the table.

While looking back and forth from S/A B. Putnam and THORPE I asked if we were "good." They both expressed that we were and I high five both S/A B. Putnam and THORPE while we all smiled. We continued talking.

At approximately 10:58 p.m., S/A B. Putnam and I left the premises.

During my entire time at LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, I was never asked to complete a membership application, pay a membership fee, nor was I given a membership card. I have never been a member of LEATHER AND LACE NORTH.

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STATEMENT OF NCALE SPECIAL AGENT B. PUTNAM

On Saturday, November 16, 2019, at approximately 11:33PM, I entered Leather and Lace North, located at 7321-D North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262 with NCALE Special Agent N. Basgall. We were working in an undercover capacity in attempts to detect criminal violations of the North Carolina General Statutes and any North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission regulatory violation. The cover agents assigned to this operation were NCALE Special Agent J.D. Dzierzynski, NCALE Special Agent D. Parker, and NCALE Special Agent W. Belvin. I am not a member of Leather and Lace North nor have I ever been a member and I was not a guest of a bona fide member upon entering the business.



Upon entering I took a seat about halfway in the middle front of the establishment at a table. SA Basgall sat down beside of me. I was approached by a black female who identified herself as "Yummy". "Yummy" was later identified as Bianca THORPE, through the course of the investigation by NCALE Special Agent J.D. Dzierzynski (See SA Dzierzynski's report).

During this visit, there were multiple unidentified female workers (Dancers) working and drinking alcoholic beverages while performing a service for the business. The female workers (Dancers) had acquired alcoholic beverages from (Unidentified male customers/patrons purchase alcoholic beverages for them to consume while working for the business). I witnessed this due to the fact I purchased a shot of Jack Daniels Whiskey for THORPE. At some point during the interaction I was seated at the table with THORPE, I asked THORPE if she knew where I could get some "Blow". I was referring to "Blow" as powdered cocaine. THORPE told me she could work on that and would have to get in touch with someone. THORPE asked me how much I wanted. I told THORPE I wanted a gram. I asked the price for a gram and THORPE stated the price for a gram is \$60.00.

I gave THORPE \$60.00 in US Currency and THORPE told me it would be here shortly. THORPE asked me if I was a cop and I told her I was not a cop. THORPE walked away and at some point came back to the table I was seated at with. THORPE told me the cocaine was fish scales and it was really good. She asked me if I knew what fish scales were and I told her I did. (Investigator's Note: Fish scales is a term used for very high quality cocaine, usually right off the kilogram and uncut. The cocaine is flaky instead of grainy. The cocaine is sparkly instead of dull, and can be slightly yellow-grey instead of being plain white in color). I provided extra tip money to THORPE due to the fact she provided me with cocaine.

At some point during the interaction with THORPE, she provided me with a cell phone number of 704-901-6009 and told me to call or text her. THORPE told me not to talk/text about drugs over the phone.

At approximately 2:01AM, SA Basgall and I left the establishment. The cover team was notified of our departure and met the cover team at a pre-determined location. I was debriefed with SA Basgall about our visit to the establishment. I relinquished custody of the cocaine I purchased from THORPE to SA Dzierzynski. SA Dzierzynski opened and field tested the cocaine which yielded a positive result for cocaine. SA Dzierzynski placed the evidence into NCALE Evidence Storage.


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STATEMENT OF NCALE SPECIAL AGENT B. PUTNAM

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, at approximately 8:31PM, I entered Leather and Lace North, located at 7321-D North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262. I was working in an undercover capacity in attempts to detect criminal violations of the North Carolina General Statutes and any North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission regulatory violation. The cover agent assigned to this operation was NCALE Special Agent D. Parker. I am not a member of Leather and Lace North nor have I ever been a member and I was not a guest of a bona fide member upon entering the business.

During this visit, there were multiple unidentified female workers (Dancers) working and drinking alcoholic beverages while performing a service for the business. The female workers (Dancers) had acquired alcoholic beverages from (Unidentified male customers/patrons purchase alcoholic beverages for them to consume while working for the business). I witnessed this due to the fact I purchased at least one Crown Royal Apple mixed beverage for THORPE. At some point during the interaction I was seated at the table with THORPE, I asked THORPE if she could get me some "Blow", 1 gram; the same as last time referring to cocaine. THORPE stated she could and told me the price would be \$60.00. I handed THORPE \$60.00 in US currency. THORPE walked away behind the stage area, came back and handed me one-gram approximate weight of cocaine in a plastic baggie.

At approximately 9:37PM, I left the establishment. I notified SA Parker of my departure and met him at a pre-determined location. I placed the evidence into NCALE Evidence Storage at the District VI Office.

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STATEMENT OF NCALE SPECIAL AGENT B. PUTNAM

On Saturday, December 20, 2019, at approximately 9:40PM, I entered Leather and Lace North, located at 7321-D North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262 with NCALE Special Agent N. Basgall. We were working in an undercover capacity in attempts to detect criminal violations of the North Carolina General Statutes and any North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission regulatory violation. The cover agents assigned to this operation were NCALE Special Agent J.D. Dzierzynski and NCALE Special Agent D. Parker. I am not a member of Leather and Lace North nor have I ever been a member and I was not a guest of a bona fide member upon entering the business.

During this visit, there were multiple unidentified female workers (Dancers) working and drinking alcoholic beverages while performing a service for the business. The female workers (Dancers) had acquired alcoholic beverages from (Unidentified male customers/patrons purchase alcoholic beverages for them to consume while working for the business). I witnessed this due to the fact I purchased at least one mixed beverage for THORPE. At some point during the interaction I was seated at the table with THORPE, I asked THORPE if she could get SA Basgall and myself an "Eight Ball" and if so how much would it cost. (Investigator's Note: An Eight Ball is referred to as 1/8th of an ounce of cocaine). THORPE stated she could and she stated she could get me whatever I wanted. She told me the price was \$200.00 and would have to make a phone call to verify if she could get it and make sure the price was right. THORPE walked away.



At some point, THORPE returned to where I was seated with a cellular telephone. THORPE told me the price for the "Eight Ball" would be \$200.00 and asked if I had the money. I gave THORPE \$200.00 in US Currency and THORPE told me it would be here shortly. I asked THORPE if the "Eight Ball" could be packaged in three separate baggies. THORPE told me it could. THORPE walked away then came back and was texting on a cellular telephone. A few minutes later THORPE walked away and came back and handed me an "Eight Ball" of cocaine packaged in three separate baggies. I tipped THORPE extra US Currency for being able to facilitate me in purchasing the "Eight Ball" of cocaine.

At approximately 10:58PM, SA Basgall and I left the establishment. The cover team was notified of our departure and met the cover team at a pre-determined location. I was debriefed with SA Basgall about our visit to the establishment. I relinquished custody of the cocaine I purchased from THORPE to SA Dzierzynski. SA Dzierzynski opened and field tested the cocaine which yielded a positive result for cocaine. SA Dzierzynski placed the evidence into NCALE Evidence Storage.

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STATEMENT OF NCALE SPECIAL AGENT B. PUTNAM

On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at approximately 9:02PM, Bianca THORPE text me from [REDACTED] and told me she needed money to pay her phone bill. THORPE told me the carrier was Metro and to call 8888metro8 and the number [REDACTED]. I paid \$100.00 cellular telephone bill for [REDACTED]. THORPE was appreciative and sent me two selfie pictures of herself which I provided to NCALE SA Dzierzynski in order for him to help establish and identify THORPE.

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On October 4, 2019, at approximately 10:30 p.m., North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Special Agent N. Basgall, S/A Ogg, S/A Huneycutt, S/A Fisher, SA Dzierzynski, Officer Helms, Officer Long, and I briefed at a predetermined meeting location in Cabarrus County. S/A Dzierzynski gave me U.S. Currency from Alcohol Law Enforcement undercover funds. My assignment was to work in an undercover capacity and attempt to detect any violations of Chapter 18B, Chapter 90, and any General Statutes of Chapter 14 at LEATHER AND LACE UNIVERSITY, located at 7321 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC.

At approximately 11:27 p.m., SA Basgall, Officer Helms, and I entered LEATHER AND LACE UNIVERSITY in an undercover capacity. I paid \$20.00 in US Currency for the admission fee for Officer Helms and I. Neither Officer Helms or I was asked if we were members nor if we wanted to sign up to be a member. Once inside, I observed approximately ten subjects walking around inside including the staff.

While inside the establishment I observed an intoxicated white male wearing a light blue polo shirt and tan shorts walking around the establishment. I recognized this male to be intoxicated because he was unsteady on his feet when standing still and also had to lean up against objects to support his weight. I observed the bartender serve this male a malt beverage. I discussed what I observed with SA Basgall and Officer Helms and we concluded that the white male was intoxicated. Approximately an hour later I observed the same white male attempting to leave. While attempting to leave, he went to two wrongs doors, before going to the correct door to exit.

While speaking with the bartender, an unidentified white female, she stated she was also a dancer at the establishment. She was explaining the different qualities of alcohol and how to pour. While speaking with her she uttered she consumes alcohol while she's dancing but not while she is bartending.

I did not observe any other ABC violations at this time.

SA Basgall, Officer Helms, and I exited the establishment at approximately 2:00 a.m. We meet SA Dzierzynski at a predetermined location and debriefed him on all the violations observed.

Nothing further to report.

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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT T.J. OGG

On Thursday, February 6, 2020, at approximately 9:00 p.m. I assisted Special Agent Dzierzynski at LEATHER AND LACE NORTH with an ABC License inspection in reference to a complaint of employees consuming alcoholic beverages while on duty, and controlled substance distribution.

During the inspection, I spoke with a female cocktail waitress, Diane Teresa Serio, DOB: October 26, 1982, SC OLN: 011356835, who was behind the counter between the front door and bar area. Serio informed me she started working tonight at 7:00 p.m. as a waitress, and takes drinks from the bar to the customers. I explained the complaint of employees consuming while on duty and asked Serio to give a breath sample on the PBT-Alco-Sensor; Serio advised me she had a glass of wine and a shot of liquor at home and prior to coming into work this evening. Serio gave a breath sample, registering 0.02 BAC. Serio was not charged for the violation (NCGS 15B .0209).

Furthering the inspection, I spoke with female dancer, Sheela Irmay Vega, DOB: November 19, 1996, NC OLN: 47433965, concerning consuming alcohol while on duty. Vega informed me she had been working for several hours. Vega advised she had consumed a Fireball Whiskey shot while seated at the bar approximately thirty minutes prior to our conversation. Vega consented to a PBT-Alco-Sensor test and registered 0.01 BAC. Vega was not charged for the violation (NCGS 15B .0209).

I continued the inspection behind the bar and in the lower liquor storage room. I did not observe any additional violations. This completed my involvement on this date. I departed the establishment with other agents at approximately 10:00 p.m.

AGENT'S NAME: T.J. Ogg	AGENT'S SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 5/11/2020	SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW 
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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT C. E. LOWE

On Thursday, February 6, 2020, at approximately 9:00 p.m., North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Special Agents (ALE S/As) Ogg, Dzierzynski, and I entered LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, located at 7321-D North Tryon Street, Charlotte, 28269, to conduct an outlet inspection. LEATHER AND LACE NORTH is defined as a private club holding on premises malt beverage, on premises unfortified wine, on premise fortified wine, and mixed beverages private club ABC Permits. The reason for our visit was to ensure the business was complying with all Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Laws, regulations, all other North Caroling General Statute(s).

Upon entering the lobby area of the establishment S/A Ogg, Dzierzynski, and I identified ourselves as ALE S/A's to the staff and entered the main area of the business to began our inspection. I walked to the opposite end of the business and entered the dressing room for the dancers. Prior to entering the room, I loudly announced I was an ALE S/A and I was entering the dressing room.

Upon entering the dressing room, I observed several plastic cups similar to the ones the business used for mixed beverages in on the tables and in the trash can of the dressing room. I came into contact with a dancer, identified as Victoria Todd, I advised Todd of what I had seen and asked her if she had anything to drink at the business that evening. Todd stated she had not drank anything at the business but had drank "a sip" before coming to work. I asked Todd to submit to an Alco-sensor and she registered a negative result (0.00). I told Todd she had registered a negative result but reminded her, as an employee of LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, she could not consume alcoholic beverages and then come to perform services for the business, regardless of where the alcoholic beverages were consumed.

After finishing in the dressing room of the business I returned to the front lobby area where I was joined by S/As Ogg and Dzierzynski. S/A Dzierzynski spoke with the regional manager for LEATHER AND LACE NORTH, Tim Baucom, about the business membership procedures. Baucom showed S/As Dzierzynski, Ogg, and I his membership roster through the software "Bar Man." Baucom was able to bring up an alphabetized roster of his members but was unable to provide us with a copy of his membership applications as required by 14B NCAC 15B .0107(d)(1). Baucom advised the business did not have new members fill out an application when they joined yet but the business was working on putting a system in place for applications.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., S/As Dzierzynski, Ogg, and I exited the business.

No further actions taken.

AGENT'S NAME: C. E. Lowe	AGENT'S SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 06/03/2019	SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW: 
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