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TO: Safety and Licensing Committee  
Common Council

FROM: Lt. Ben Goodin

DATE: 11/26/2024

RE: Police Department's Investigation into Delaire's Reported Gambling Machine Operation

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Committee Members:

On 10/16/24 I received email correspondence from City of Appleton attorney Zak Buruin. Attorney Buruin informed me a new bar attempting to open at 823 W. College Ave. known as Delaire's initially had their alcohol license approved by the Safety and Licensing committee. On the licensing application, Delaire's is reportedly going to be a coffee bar and a traditional bar serving alcoholic beverages. However, Alderperson Van Zeeland received reports from her constituents that Delaire's actually planned on using the business as a gambling parlor. The City Council sent the alcohol license application back to the Safety and Licensing committee to review based on this information. Attorney Buruin informed me the owner of Delaire's, David Boulanger, previously tried opening a bar with gaming machines in Grafton, WI in 2022 but was denied by Grafton's planning commission.

On 10/23/24 Alderperson Van Zeeland e-mailed me contact information for the main complainant about Delaire's, identified as Jaime Pappenfuss. Jaime runs a salon directly next door to Delaire's. On 10/24/24 I spoke with Jaime over the phone to get her statement. Jaime stated someone gave a person from Delaire's a key to access her business (they have a joint rear hallway within the building) to look for some sort of electrical hook up. Jaime was at her salon when this occurred. Jaime spoke with the male who came over and asked if there was going to be a coffee bar in the establishment and the male said "yeah, well not really one with drinks but more of a gambling machine lounge." Jaime informed me she did an internet search and discovered David's past encounter in Grafton. Jaime then forwarded this information to Alderperson Van Zeeland.

Jaime stated the above-mentioned comment about the business being a gambling machine lounge was captured on her salon cameras. Jaime sent me the video clip in question which I saved to evidence.com. The video shows Jaime asking an unidentified white male what was going in the business next door. The male responded, "A bar but not really (unintelligible) gambling machines". There was some background noise while the male was speaking, and I couldn't make

out all of his words. Jaime then laughed and asked, "like Big Daddy and all that?" and the male said "yeah". After viewing the video and comparing the side view of the male's face with David's DOT photo it does not appear that David is the one on video. The video was recorded on 10/15/24 at 2:33 pm according to the time stamp on the footage.

After speaking with Jaime, I went by Delaire's and viewed the interior of the bar from the storefront window. The business had a small bar area, several high back seats with tables, and a small couch seating area. There were no gambling machines visible at that time.

Later on 10/24/24 I spoke on the phone with Timm Gloudemans, who works for Buss Electric Inc. Timm was the electrical inspector hired by Delaire's to complete the electrical permit for the business. I asked Timm if there was anything unusual about his time in Delaire's or anything from an electrical wiring standpoint and he said no. Timm advised the inspection was pretty standard and nothing suspicious occurred. Timm did not know anything about gambling machines being installed at the business.

I attempted to speak with the owner of Amberlulu Bubble Tea and Desserts (Uni Uni) which is the business on the other side of Delaire's. I went by Uni Uni on 11/6/24 and spoke with the manager, who called and messaged the owner Fannie, but she did not respond. I left the manager my business card and asked her to have Fannie call me. I called Fannie and left her a voicemail and have yet to receive a call back. Jaime indicated Fannie may have more information about the gambling machine allegations which is why I reached out to her.

Jaime also gave me a phone number for the landlord of the property, identified as Jeff. I called Jeff on 11/16/24 and left a voicemail asking him to call me back.

On 11/16/24 I spoke with David over the phone to get his statement. I told David I had received complaints that his new business was going to operate as a gambling parlor instead of a bar. David stated he had no intentions of running any sort of gambling operation and was opening the business as a bar just as he indicated on his alcohol license application. I told David about the video Jaime sent me and he stated he had no idea who she spoke with that made that comment on the video. David said he did not plan on having any sort of gambling machines at all. He said in the future he may install some amusement devices that do not pay out any money but that's it.

As of 11/26/24 I have not developed any other leads to investigate this complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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