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Ching, LLC,
t/a Uproar
639 Florida Ave NW
License \#92012
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing
Case \# 19-CMP-00173
(Purchased Alcohol from an Off-Premise Retailer) :

Wednesday
February 24, 2021
The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

## PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member
ALSO PRESENT:
SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff
RHODA GLASGOW, DC ABRA Investigator
JOHN LUI, DC OAG
THOMAS MARTIN, Licensee's Counsel
CHRISTOPHER "JAY" THORNTON, Witness
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1:50 p.m.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case in our calendar is Case No. 19-CMP-00173, Uproar, License No. 92012. Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate the rights of the parties? I believe the attorney for the Government is Mr. Lui. I think it's Thomas Martin, and I'm not sure who are the other witnesses in this case.

MS. ANDREWS: Sure. I'm going to take a moment to dismiss the parties from the prior case.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's fine. Thank you.

MS. ANDREWS: Ms. Truong, your rights have been elevated. Ms. Glasgow, your rights have been elevated. Mr. Lui, your rights have been elevated. Mr. Martin, your rights have been elevated. That's all, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Andrews. Good afternoon, everyone. This is a show cause hearing. We will start -- we'll ask the parties to introduce themselves for the record, starting with the Government.

MR. LUI: Good afternoon, Board
members. John Lui on behalf of the Government. That's J-O-H-N L-U-I.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon, Mr. Lui. Mr. Martin, can you please identify yourself for the record, please?

MR. MARTIN: Good afternoon, Board members. Thomas Martin on behalf of Uproar. I'm joined by two witnesses, Ms. Tammy Truong and Mr. Jay Thornton.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Truong, can you please say and spell your name for the record, please?

Ms. Truong, can you please say or state your name for the record, please?

While we're waiting for her, Mr. Lui, I see that -- do you have any witnesses that you plan to call for this case?

MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is that?
MR. LUI: Investigator Rhoda Glasgow.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Glasgow, can you please identify yourself for the record, please?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Rhoda Glasgow, R-H-O-D-A G-L-A-S-G-O-W.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms. Truong, are you there? Who's the other witness that you have, Mr. Martin?

MR. MARTIN: Mr. Jay Thornton.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Thornton, are you there?

Are you able to -- I see that Ms.
Truong -- I see her name, but she's not
responding. Maybe she can send an email. If she's having some technical issues, she can send email or put something in the chat and Ms. Andrews will assist her.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. I'm going to -- would you like me to take a moment to see if I can find out what's going on?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. We'll be off the record until she comes on. We're off the record until you're able to find out what's going on with her.

MR. MARTIN: All right, thank you.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 1:54 p.m. and resumed at 2:14 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are they on the line?

MR. MARTIN: I am not sure Ms. Truong is on yet.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I see Ms.
Truong. Is Mr. Thornton -- where's Mr. Thornton? Ms. Truong, I can see you. Can you please spell and state your name for the record, please, Ms. Truong?

I can see you, but I can't hear you, Ms. Truong. Unmute your phone. Ms. Truong, unmute your phone, please. Ms. Truong, can you speak? I can see you. I can see you. Are you able to unmute your phone? That's all you need to do. I can see both of you. All you have to do is to unmute your telephone, unmute your line. Ms. Andrews, are they able to unmute their line?

MS. ANDREWS: They are. I've unmuted them twice, and she muted herself.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just press the button that says unmute.

MS. ANDREWS: She has unmuted herself, but we cannot hear her. I suggest you calling in, just leave -- just stay logged in on the computer and call back in on your phone. Just mute your computer so there won't be any feedback.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Truong, can you speak?

Ms. Truong, say something. Have her say something. Someone just --

MS. ANDREWS: He's speaking, but we can't hear. His mic isn't working. We can see you. We can see you guys. She's just --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Why don't you find -- call in and just mute your computer, so you can talk on the phone, so I can see you while you're speaking?

MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Lui, I'm going to go ahead and mute you because we can hear you typing. Ms. Truong, I see you called in. I'm going to unmute your line, but you have to first mute your computer, okay?

MS. TRUONG: All right.
MS. ANDREWS: Okay, we can hear you, but we still can't see you.

PARTICIPANT: Tell them to wait a minute.

MS. ANDREWS: We can hear you, and we can see you.

PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible).

MS. ANDREWS: Okay, come on.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now we need you to talk.

MS. TRUONG: Hi, sorry about that.
MS. ANDREWS: We can hear you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We can hear you, Ms. Truong.

PARTICIPANT: Turn your phone off.
MS. TRUONG: My first name is Tammy and last name is Truong, spelled T-R-U-O-N-G.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Truong. Can Mr. Thornton please identify himself for the record, please?

MR. THORNTON: Christopher J. Thornton.

MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, Mr. Thornton

MR. THORNTON: T-H-O-R-N-T-O-N. Why don't we have an in-person meeting instead of doing this now that everybody's flustered?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No one is flustered, Mr. Thornton, and because of COVID-19 -- we can do a meeting. We did approach this with you on the phone.

MR. THORNTON: I'm asking for an in-
person meeting. I am requesting in person with the Board.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Thornton, first of all, $I$ don't believe that you're the client, sir. It's my understanding that Ms. Truong is the owner of this establishment. So, therefore, you have no say, sir. You can only speak if you're called as a witness.

It's my understanding that Ms. Truong is the owner of the establishment, and Mr. Martin speaks for her, and she speaks. We are doing this hearing today, and we're doing this hearing -- we're doing this hearing in WebEx. We recently had -- last week, we had a protest hearing. We were on the phone several hours with you for a protest hearing. And there were no technical issues, and no one complained that we need to do this in person. If we did a protest hearing and we were on this phone -- we were on this call for several hours, then there is really no reason for us to do this.

The technical issues have been addressed. I can see you, Ms. Truong. When you speak, you will speak using the telephone, and we can move forward. All right. We now have the
show cause hearing. Let me start off with Mr. Lui. Are there any preliminary matters on this case, sir?

I can't hear you, Mr. Lui.
MR. LUI: Sorry. Yes, Mr.
Chairperson. There is one preliminary matter.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is the preliminary matter, please?

MR. LUI: The District of Columbia objects to the testimony of Christopher Thornton because Respondent did not provide a witness list, in accordance with 23 DCMR 1713.2.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, your objection is premature. He hasn't called the witness. When he calls the witness, we will -if and when he calls a witness, then you can raise your objection. But since Mr. -- the Applicant can have whoever he or she wants to be there with her. At some time, if a witness is called, then you can raise your objection.

MR. LUI: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there any other preliminary issues?

MR. MARTIN: None from Uproar.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other preliminary issues?

MR. LUI: No, Mr. Chairperson.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right thank you. Does the Government wish to make an opening statement?

MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, go ahead.
GOVERNMENT'S OPENING STATEMENT
MR. LUI: Good afternoon, Board members. We are here today in the show cause matter of Ching LLC, trading as Uproar, located at 639641 Florida Avenue, Northwest. The show cause notice issued in this matter concerns the charge that the licensee purchased alcohol from an off-premises retailer, License Class A, during the licensed hours of sale for wholesalers, in violation of D.C. Code Section 25-113(a)(5)(a). The evidence will show that on Saturday, August 31, 2019, Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration Investigator Rhoda Glasgow visited the establishment to conduct a regulatory inspection. Investigator Glasgow requested the establishment's invoices from Mr. Alexander Campbell, the ABC manager. Mr.

Campbell provided Investigator Glasgow three years' of invoices. She then observed that 14 alcohol invoices provided were from Costco, which is classified as a retail liquor store.

Investigator Glasgow noted that nine of these invoices showed purchases that were made during days and times when wholesalers were open. Investigator Glasgow informed Mr. Campbell that the establishment was in violation for purchasing alcoholic beverages from a retailer, License Class A, such as Costco, during the licensed hours of sale for wholesalers.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's it?
MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Martin, do you wish to make an opening statement, or do you reserve until you put your case on? LICENSEE'S OPENING STATEMENT

MR. MARTIN: No, we'll make a brief opening. In this case today, you'll hear testimony explaining that the receipts from Costco, the vast majority of which were made for personal use and entertainment, just were filed with the business receipts. This resulted in a
great deal of confusion, which we are happy to explain -- have the opportunity today to explain. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Martin. Mr. Lui, do you wish to call -- do you have a witness?

MR. MARTIN: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's your first witness?

MR. MARTIN: Investigator Rhoda Glasgow.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Glasgow, can you raise your right hand, please? Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the truth?

I can't hear you, Ms. Glasgow.
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank you. Your witness, sir.

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF RHODA GLASGOW
MR. LUI: Ms. Glasgow, can you please state and spell your first and last name for the record?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Rhoda Glasgow, R-H-O-D-A G-L-A-S-G-O-W.

MR. LUI: Where are you currently employed?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration.

MR. LUI: What is your position at the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I'm an investigator.

MR. LUI: How long have you been an investigator?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: About two years.

MR. LUI: What are your duties and responsibilities as an investigator?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I conduct inspections and investigations of licensed ABC establishments in the District of Columbia.

MR. LUI: Are you familiar with Uproar?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I am.
MR. LUI: How are you familiar with this establishment?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I visited the establishment to conduct a regulatory inspection. MR. LUI: When?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: On August 31, 2019.

MR. LUI: What happened during your inspection?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: When I entered the establishment, I spoke with the ABC manager. I told him I was coming to conduct a regulatory inspection. I asked him for invoices, and he provided me three years' of invoices of alcohol purchases.

MR. LUI: What happened next?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: While I was going through the invoices, I came across a bunch of Costco purchases of alcohol. I spoke with the ABC manager and told him that if he knew he was not supposed to be ordering this amount of alcohol from Costco. And he advised me that he believed that it was okay to do so. I told him that was not correct.

MR. LUI: Court's indulgence. I am going to show you a document marked as Government Exhibit 1 for identification. Court's indulgence so I can share a screen, here. Ms. Andrews, can you elevate my right to share screen?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to
document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 1 for identification.)

MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Stand by.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry; before we move on, I had failed to alert the public that Mr. Grandis had recused himself from participation. Board member Edward Grandis has recused himself from participation in this matter. Go ahead, Mr. Lui.

MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, do you recognize this document?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do.
MR. LUI: What is this document?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: This is my investigative report.

MR. LUI: Is this a fair and accurate representation of your case report that you created for the incident that occurred on August 31, 2019, in Case No. 19-CMP-00173?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, it is.
MR. LUI: Mr. Chairperson, at this time the Government would like to move Government Exhibit 1 as evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any objection, Mr. Martin?

MR. MARTIN: No objection.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, without objection.
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was received into evidence as Government Exhibit No. 1.)

MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, I am directing your attention, now, to Exhibit 2 of the case report. Do you see that?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do. It is a Costco receipt of alcohol purchases on May 13, 2016, at 10:49 a.m. That is on a Friday.

MR. LUI: I'm now directing your attention to Exhibit No. 6 of the case report. Can you see this document?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 6 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do.
MR. LUI: What is this document?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It is also a Costco receipt of alcohol purchases on September 6, 2017, at 4:39 p.m. on a Wednesday.

MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, moving on to Exhibit No. 7, do you see this document?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 7 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do.
MR. LUI: What is this document?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It is also a Costco receipt of alcohol purchases on October 27, 2017, at 2:50 p.m. on a Friday.

MR. LUI: I'm now moving on to Exhibit No. 9 of the case report. What is this document?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 9 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It is a Costco receipt of alcohol purchases on January 17, 2018, at 11:46 a.m. on a Wednesday.

MR. LUI: Now, I am proceeding to Exhibit No. 10 of the case report. Can you see this document?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 10 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do. It is a Costco receipt of alcohol purchases for April 19, 2018, at 10:50 a.m. on a Thursday.

MR. LUI: I'm now proceeding to Exhibit 12 of the case report. Can you see this document?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 12 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do.
MR. LUI: And what is it?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It is a Costco receipt for January 4, 2019, at 6:12 p.m. on a Friday.

MR. LUI: I'm now proceeding to Exhibit 13 of the case report. Can you see this document?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 13 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do. It is also a Costco receipt of January 11, 2019, at 12:00, noon, on a Friday.

MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, proceeding to Exhibit 14 of the case report, what is this document?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 14
for identification.)
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It is a Costco receipt for January 17, 2019, at 6:58 p.m. on a Thursday.

MR. LUI: And now lastly, I'm directing your attention to Exhibit 15 of the case report. Do you recognize this document?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 15 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I do. It is a Costco receipt for January 21 -- I'm sorry; February 21, 2019, at 8:23 p.m. on a Thursday.

MR. LUI: Mr. Chairperson, $I$ have no further questions for Investigator Glasgow.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr. Martin, do you have any questions for Investigator Glasgow?

MR. MARTIN: I do.
CROSS-EXAMINATION OF RHODA GLASGOW
MR. MARTIN: Ms. Glasgow, how was it that you selected Uproar for your visit on August 31, 2019?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I was assigned
a list of establishments to conduct regulatory
inspections. Uproar was on that list.
MR. MARTIN: What is your understanding of ABRA's duties, as far as its ability to examine books and records?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: As per our regulatory inspections, we are to ask for it when we get there. It's part of our investigation.

MR. MARTIN: Are you familiar with D.C. Official Code Section 25-802, examination of premises, books, and records?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I'm not quite familiar with it, but I know about it.

MR. MARTIN: All right. Prior to August 31, did you, personally, make any attempt to alert Uproar that you would be visiting the establishment?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: No, I did not.
MR. MARTIN: Do you know if anyone from ABRA made any attempt to alert Uproar that you would be visiting on or about August 31?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: No. I cannot say for --

MR. MARTIN: So you were not aware that D.C. Official Code Section 25-802(2)(b) requires that investigators shall make reasonable
efforts to ensure that the licensee will know in advance of the date of the inspection?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: If the invoices are on premise, most of the time, we are provided the invoices. If it's not, then we will let them know -- give them prior announcement that we will be coming back, the day and time, and they will provide us those invoices.

MR. MARTIN: Okay, but you actually obtained the invoices on that initial visit on August 31, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: So would you agree that you did not follow the D.C. Code, Section 25-802, in this instance?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I did follow it because the D.C. Code also says that the establishment's supposed to keep three years of invoices on the property, so when I visited the establishment, $I$ asked for three years of such invoices, and it was provided to me.

MR. MARTIN: You would agree, then, that Uproar was in possession of three years' of records, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, on all the
premises.
MR. MARTIN: They gave them to you, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: I want to ask is -- to your understanding, is Costco a Class A retailer?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Costco is a Class A retailer, yes.

MR. MARTIN: Directing your attention to the second page of your report, the first paragraph, it says other -- the middle of the first paragraph, other than in the case of an emergency, when wholesalers are closed. What's your understanding of -- do you know where the definition of emergency for that instance appears in the Code?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: As it appears in the Code, no, not an emergency, but as per the wording of the Code, it says if, on a Sunday -Saturday, Sunday, and/or holidays. Those are the exceptions of ordering alcohol when you are out.

MR. MARTIN: To your knowledge, you're not aware of the definition of emergency.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, to my definition, emergency is basically if you're
operating and you ran out of a particular alcohol, you can go to the store and buy it. But it has to be on a very rare occasion.

MR. MARTIN: That's your personal definition of an emergency --

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: That's my personal definition, yes.

MR. MARTIN: -- is when the establishment runs out of alcohol.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Not a whole lot of alcohol, but -- it doesn't have to be a slew of alcohol.

MR. MARTIN: Is your definition supported by District of Columbia law?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I can't say that it is because the wording does not state that, but that is my definition. That's my interpretation of emergency.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. Looking at the rest of Page 2, I see this list of -- this is distributors, correct?

## INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.

MR. MARTIN: Who created this list?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I did.
MR. MARTIN: When you inspected at

Uproar, isn't it true that one of Uproar's distributors is a company called Breakthru?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, but
Breakthru is not on my list, here, because I did not get a reply from Breakthru.

MR. MARTIN: But you would agree that when you went to the establishment, there were purchase orders and invoices from Breakthru in the documents you reviewed.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: So your list is incomplete, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: My list is completed as the information that was provided to me by those wholesalers.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. Did you, at any point, ask Ms. Truong if the Costco receipts, if any of them were for personal use instead of use at the establishment?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: No, I did not ask her that question.

MR. MARTIN: In your two years of conducting investigations, approximately how many investigations have you conducted in, say, per year?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I would say maybe 60-70.

MR. MARTIN: In those 60 to 70, generally, in a year, how many establishments have personal purchase receipts with establishment receipts in the same place?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: To my knowledge, I have only had two books and record cases, so $I$ can't speak on other investigative reports, by other investigators, regarding books and records.

MR. MARTIN: Are you saying it's rare or fairly common?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I can't answer the question. I am not sure what other investigators come across. But for me --

MR. MARTIN: In your personal experience in investigating, in an average year, an average of 60 establishments, out of that 60 establishments, generally, how many of them have personal alcohol purchase receipts in the same place.

MR. LUI: Objection.
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: None.
MR. LUI: Asked and answered.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She already answered the question. Ms. Glasgow, if Mr. Lui places an object, you need to object prior to the answer being provided. Ms. Glasgow, if you hear an objection, please do not answer the question until I have directed you to answer the question, ma'am. Go ahead, Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Just a point of clarification. Out of the exhibits attached to your report, I noticed that you didn't go through and describe each receipt that's attached as an exhibit. Is that correct, Ms. Glasgow?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Are you speaking about the itemized specific alcohol purchases?

MR. MARTIN: No, I'm speaking about the exhibit numbers, the individual receipts within. Is the Government contending that it's only challenging or it's only moving for the -- do you know, Ms. Glasgow, for the receipts that you didn't describe in your direct testimony, are you not considering those to be a violation of D.C. Official Code Section 25-113(5(a)(b)?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: The invoices that I recorded on my exhibits were the invoices
that I took pictures of that were presented to me. These were invoices at the establishment. So to my knowledge, if it is at the establishment, it means that these are purchases that was made for the establishment.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. At any point, did you tell Ms. Truong that was your assumption?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: When I spoke to Ms. Truong on Friday, the 13th, I advised her exactly of what happened when I visited the establishment. Because I was only at ABRA for, what, six months, $I$ did not know all the specifics of distributors and retailers, so I asked another investigator to explain to Ms. Truong exactly what -- how her approach should be going forward.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you. So when you visited ABRA, you had only been an investigator for six months, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Approximately.
MR. MARTIN: Approximately how many
investigations had you conducted when you conducted your investigation at Uproar?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I can't say.
MR. MARTIN: Was your investigation at

Uproar one of your first investigations? INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It was not. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr. Martin. With the exception of Ms. Glasgow and Mr. Martin, I need everyone else to mute their lines, please. Somebody's typing, and I'm hearing that. Outside of Mr. Martin and Ms. Glasgow, please mute your lines. Go ahead, Mr. Martin. Go ahead, Ms. Glasgow. Restate the question.

MR. MARTIN: I'll restate the question. Was your inspection of Uproar one of your first inspections?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: No.
MR. MARTIN: Very well. Directing the witness's attention to Government Exhibit No. 1, but Exhibit 3 within it --

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I'm sorry; you said?

MR. MARTIN: Exhibit No. 3 within your Exhibit No. 1, I noticed that this -- whose writing is this in the left margin?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: That is my handwriting.

MR. MARTIN: And this is a -- you've
written Sunday here. Why is that?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: That's the day of the purchase.

MR. MARTIN: And when you say the day of purchase, that's the weekday of the receipt that's next to it?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: That is the day that is printed on the receipt, yes.

MR. MARTIN: Sunday's a weekend, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: So why, if this was a weekend purchase, is this appearing as an exhibit in your report?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I was trying to show consistency of purchases, the excessive amount of purchases that were made. These were presented to my supervisor, and I was instructed by my supervisor exactly how to present my exhibits.

MR. MARTIN: What's your supervisor's name?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Jason Peru.
MR. MARTIN: I noticed there was -okay, Jason Peru. Is there a reason Mr. Peru is
not here to testify about his instructions to you?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Because it was my investigative report. I wrote the report, and the exhibits are my exhibits.

MR. MARTIN: Okay, but you agree that a weekend purchase such as this is not outside the rules for Uproar.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: According to the wording of the bill, it is not outside of it, yes.

MR. MARTIN: I want to direct your attention to Exhibit 4. Looking at Exhibit 4, I notice that's a Sunday, as well. You agree that's a weekend purchase.
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 4 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, it is.
MR. MARTIN: Is it still included for the same reason you gave for Exhibit No. 3?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: If I could direct your attention to Exhibit No. 5. What weekday do you have in the left-hand margin?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 5 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Sunday.
MR. MARTIN: That's a weekend, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Is it included for the same reason you included Exhibits 3 and 4?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: I'd like to direct your attention to Exhibit No. 8. Is that your handwriting on the left margin?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 8 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, it is.
MR. MARTIN: Do you agree that's a weekend date?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Is this included for the same reasons as Exhibit 3, 4, 5 and so forth?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Thank you. I'd like to direct your attention to Exhibit 11. Is that
your handwriting on the left margin?
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Government Exhibit No. 11 for identification.)

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: I would ask that the Board take judicial notice that June 24th, September 2018 was actually a Sunday. I'll give a moment to check calendars.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry; what year?

MR. MARTIN: 6/24/18.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: June 24, '18.
MR. MARTIN: Correct.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: June 24, 2018 is a Sunday.

MR. MARTIN: All right, so it's not Monday, as indicated on Exhibit 11, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: So that's a weekend purchase, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Very well. One other question. Returning the witness's attention to Page 4, actual Page 4 of the Government Exhibit's

No. 1, I notice there are three signatures there.
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: You had earlier stated that Mr. Jason Peru is your supervisor.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: You agree he did not sign or date this report.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I am not sure who the signature belongs to, as my supervisor, but it probably is his signature, but I cannot confirm that right now.

MR. MARTIN: On the copy I received --
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: But it is signed off.

MR. MARTIN: Okay, but it --
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I'm sorry.
MR. MARTIN: -- looks like reviewed and printed name, I see Jason Peru printed, but I don't see a signature or a date in the copy in front of me. Do you know why that is?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: One second.
I'm sorry. I was looking at the wrong thing. You said at the end of -- okay, $I$ have it here. Can you repeat that question?

MR. MARTIN: Sure. Looking at Page 4
of Government Exhibit No. 1, I see there's -- it looks as if you signed and dated, and it looks as if John Suero -- I'm sorry if I'm butchering the pronunciation --

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, that is correct.

MR. MARTIN: -- signed and dated, but Jason Peru did not, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, according to this share, right.

MR. MARTIN: You agree he's your supervisor, right?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: He is my supervisor, but John Suero is our chief of the department of the investigators.

MR. MARTIN: Do you know why Mr. Peru didn't sign this?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: No, I do not.
MR. MARTIN: Very well. No additional questions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Martin. Ms. Glasgow, what's a regulatory inspection?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: A regulatory inspection is basically a compliance check that
we do to make sure that the licensed establishment is operating within D.C. laws.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When you do a compliance check, do you normally call the establishment to let them know --

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- beforehand that you're doing that? Ma'am, wait until we -let us ask the question before you answer. When you do a compliance check, do you normally call the establishment to let them know that you are coming to do a compliance check?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who gave you the list of establishments to visit?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: My supervisor, Investigator Jason Peru.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you recall that day? Do you remember how many places do you go to? Let me ask you a question. When you do a compliance check, what is it that you do? What's on your list? When you go to an establishment, what do you ask for? What do you look at as an investigator?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: On an initial
approach to the establishment, we check to see if there is window lettering on the windows. We approach the establishment, ask to speak to the agency manager or owner. When one of or either approaches, then we walk around the establishment. We make sure that they're in compliance with basically alcohol purchases, everything. We ask for invoices. There's a lot of -- we check to make sure that their licenses are up to date.

We check, basically, purchases of import purchases. We check alcohol warning signs. There's a lot of stuff that's on our list to check off that we check for to make sure they're in compliance with.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is something that you routinely do when you go out to do a compliance check for all establishments.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who provided you -- who, specifically, when you did this compliance check, who did you reach? Who provided all this information?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: My supervisor.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm sorry.

When you went to the establishment, who did you meet with?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I met with the ABC manager, Andrew Campbell -- I mean Alexander Campbell.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you ask for the owner, or did you specifically ask for him? Who did you ask for?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I asked for the ABC manager or owner.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Campbell identified himself as the ABC manager, is that correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, that's correct.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You asked Mr. Campbell for three years of receipts, is that correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: That is correct.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When you asked Mr. Campbell for the three years of receipts, where did he get the receipts from?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: He went to the
-- I don't know exactly where he went to to get
it, but he was on premise because I remained at the bar area, and he left and came back with it.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He left and came back, and he presented you with all the receipts that he believed belonged to the establishment, is that correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: That is
correct.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You testified that you specifically asked him about Costco purchases. What is it that he stated to you about purchasing alcohol from Costco?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: He said he believed it was okay to do it. That's all he said.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. I heard you -- you mentioned in your testimony that there's certain days that alcohol was purchased on a Wednesday, on a Friday, on a Thursday, on a Monday. Why did you -- why are those days important?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Because wholesalers were open at the time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there any other questions by any other Board members? Any
other Board members have any other questions to ask her? All right, hold on, let me see if $I$ have any other questions. One other question. If you go to an establishment, you stated that the law says they need to be on -- they need to have three years' worth of receipts/invoices. If you don't know the answer, you can say you don't know. If you were to go to an establishment and ask for three years of invoices and they say they don't have it, what's your procedure?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I would tell them that if they know that they have to keep three years of invoices on the property. If they say yes, I would let them know that I would return. I would give them a time and a day, and I would return. They need to present me those invoices.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you. Did you charge for -- there were days on the weekends. I think there were some invoices on Saturdays and Sundays. When you wrote up your report, did you charge the establishment with a violation because they had purchased -- that some of the invoices were from Costco on a Saturday or a Sunday. Did you find
that they had violated the law for those days? INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: The Saturday and Sunday invoices that $I$ put in my report, it was to show a consistent amount of Costco invoices that was purchased along with the ones during the week. It may look like it's just the top invoices that I took a picture of, but there were a whole lot more of Costco invoices that I did not take pictures of, but it was a lot.

Basically, all of the days were to show consistency of purchases. Even if it was a Sunday, it would show that every single Sunday within that month was a purchase from Costco. So it was --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry; go ahead.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: To me, it looked as if it was not an emergency or running out because it was mostly every other week or every week, on a Sunday, alcohol was being purchased from Costco.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is it your testimony that -- from what I heard, they said that there was only 14 receipts that was in your report from Costco. Is it your testimony that
there were more than 14 receipts?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: From the evidence that I took, the pictures that I took, there were 14. But from my knowledge of being there and seeing what I saw, there were more than 14.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why didn't you take pictures of all the Costco receipts?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I was trying to take a lot of pictures, but it was dark. The place had amber lighting, so the pictures was not coming out as clear as I wanted it to. But I believe that I had enough evidence to present a good case, a strong case to prove that the establishment was purchasing alcohol more than what the law allowed.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The other days, was there -- the other invoices that you're seeing, were they invoices from during the week, or was it invoices from Sundays, do you recall -from on the weekends, do you recall?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: The ones that I did not take pictures of, I can't say exactly what days they were purchased on.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just one last
question. About how much -- maybe if you have access -- on Exhibit -- let's see. What's the first exhibit that -- what's the first exhibit in your report that's on a weekend -- that's a weekday, I'm sorry, that alcohol was purchased? INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: That would be Exhibit 2.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Specifically, what is in Exhibit 2? How much alcohol are we talking about that's in Exhibit 2? Specifically, are you able to tell specifically what was bought in Exhibit 2?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, Stella
Artois and Coronas, eight cases, I believe.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Eight cases of what?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Eight cases of Stella Artois and eight of Corona. I think that's what I see here, Corona and Stella Artois.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's Exhibit
2. What other exhibit -- what's the next exhibit that was a weekday?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I have -- let's see if $I$ can get a clear one. I have here

Exhibit 9, on a Wednesday.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Jameson,
Fireball, Makers Mark, Jack Daniels.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to find the quantities. What quantities were purchased those days?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I can't really tell the way -- the quality of the receipt. I can't really tell.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you look through the exhibit? Do you have an exhibit that you can clearly articulate the quantities that were on a weekday, that can clearly articulate the quantities that were purchased on a weekday? INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Identify the receipt number, please.

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Sure. I'm seeing Exhibit 14, on a Thursday. There is one, two, three, four, five, six Fireballs. There is six bottles of Titos, two bottles of Jack Daniels, nine bottles of whiskey. That's Exhibit 14.
bottles of whiskey?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Eight bottles of Jameson whiskey.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Eight bottles?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you. Are there -- all right. Mr. Martin, do you have any questions of Ms. Glasgow based on the questions that were asked by myself?

MR. MARTIN: I do.
RECROSS-EXAMINATION OF RHODA GLASGOW
MR. MARTIN: Ms. Glasgow, the Chair had asked you about -- do you recall his asking you about weekday purchases?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: You also recall he had asked you about the lighting in the establishment, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, Mr. Martin. I did not ask her about lighting. She stated that because of the lighting of the establishment, that's why she did not get more pictures. I did not ask anything about lighting.

MR. MARTIN: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MR. MARTIN: Ms. Glasgow, when you took pictures in the establishment of the receipts, were you careful to make sure that you were taking pictures of just one receipt, and not, perhaps, multiple receipts?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: I'd like to direct the witness's attention to Exhibit 10. Are you there, Ms. Glasgow?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: One second. Yes.

MR. MARTIN: You testified that you're careful when you conduct your investigation, right?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Looking at Exhibit 10, you've written in -- that's your handwriting that says Thursday, 4/19, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: When we look at this ticket, when we look at this corresponding picture, it's of a Costco wholesale receipt, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Correct.

MR. MARTIN: It looks like you've -is it you that used a black marker to circle 4/19/2018?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I am not sure because Costco would normally put -- use black marker on their receipts, as well, so I cannot remember, just was a case back in 2019. I cannot confirm.

MR. MARTIN: Fair enough. As we look up from that black circle marking on 4/19/2018, it says change, cash, cash, and then there's sort of -- would you agree the next line says please come again?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Do you see the little page break line that cuts across the middle of the number on the first line that says cash?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: The middle of the line; I'm not sure what you're looking at. MR. MARTIN: Very well. I'll be a little more clear. Looking at this receipt in Exhibit 10, do you see where, in computer script, it says 4/14/2018 on the left-hand side, at almost the center of the page?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.

MR. MARTIN: You would agree that under that, it says -- under that line, about three lines down, it says please come again, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Are you able to see that the 4/14/2018 receipt is actually one receipt, and the one circled for 4/19/2018 is a separate and different receipt?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: I cannot determine that from the way how this picture is. I'm sorry.

MR. MARTIN: Okay, but you agree you see where it says 4/14/2018 at the center of the page on the receipt, right?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: You agree that there was an alcohol purchase on this receipt, correct?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: I would just ask are you able to check and see what day of the week April 14, 2018 is on your calendar?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It was a Saturday.

MR. MARTIN: You agree Saturday is a
weekend, correct?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: You would agree that these are two different receipts, one on 4/19 and one on 4/14, right, in Exhibit 10?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It looks that way right now, yes.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. No other questions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui.
MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.
REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF RHODA GLASGOW
MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, just one brief question for you --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. LUI: -- your attention to Exhibit No. 1 of the case report. Do you recognize this document?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes.
MR. LUI: Did you prepare this document?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Yes, I did.
MR. LUI: What is it?
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It's my case report and a regulatory inspection.

MR. LUI: When was it issued, this inspection report?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: When was the inspection report issued or was completed?

MR. LUI: Completed.
INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: It was completed on August 31, 2019.

MR. LUI: Just looking at the bottom, the remarks, of your regulatory inspection report, what does it say?

INVESTIGATOR GLASGOW: Books and records violation, excessive purchases of alcohol bought by Costco -- bought at Costco.

MR. LUI: I have no further questions. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you, Ms. Glasgow. Thank you for your testimony. Mr. Lui, do you have any other witnesses?

MR. LUI: No, Mr. Chairperson, that is it for the Government.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you rest?
MR. LUI: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr. Martin, do you have any witnesses you wish to
call?
MR. MARTIN: First, Mr. Chair, as you'll probably recall from our last hearing, I have to ask for a judgment as a matter here for the following reason. D.C. Code Section 25-802(2)(b), it says the investigator shall --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one minute. What's the section you're referencing?

MR. MARTIN: D.C. Official Code Section 25-802(2)(b).

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, let me find it. Hold on, so $I$ can --

MR. MARTIN: Absolutely.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 25-802 -- is that you, Mr. Lui?

MR. LUI: Yes, $I$ just threw myself on mute. I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you. What section, 802 what? So 1 can follow along.

MR. MARTIN: 2(b).
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, go ahead.
MR. MARTIN: It states that investigator shall make reasonable efforts to
ensure that the licensee will know in advance of the date of the inspection. It says shall. It doesn't say may. It doesn't say can. We're not talking about permissive language.

It says they shall make reasonable efforts. Ms. Glasgow has testified she made no effort, none whatsoever, and we have a report not signed off on by her superior, but specifically Mr. Peru. It contains exhibits around which Mr. Peru gave advice to Ms. Glasgow on how to file this, but is not here to testify.

We'd ask that a negative inference be given by the fact that he's not here to testify about his participation in the compiling of this report. Most importantly, investigator shall make reasonable efforts to ensure the licensee will know in advance of the date of the inspection. That was violated, plain and simple. There was no effort. This body cannot pick and choose which portions of the law to enforce. Accordingly, we ask that this case against my client be thrown out because the Government failed to exercise the limited amount of restraint that's required of it.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's it?

MR. MARTIN: That's it.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui.
MR. LUI: There is no prejudice to the Respondent. The records were on the premises. They were readily available to inspect. There was no prejudice to the Respondent here. The District's burden is to prove the allegation. That does not mean that the Government did not meet its burden.

Looking at the co-provision shall make reasonable efforts, there need not be reasonable efforts given that the records were already on the premise. Alexander Campbell was there. He had the documents. He was on premise. He pulled these documents and showed them to Investigator Glasgow. There is no prejudice here. The motion should be rejected and denied.

MR. MARTIN: If we could be heard.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. MARTIN: The language is clear, shall make reasonable efforts. There's credible testimony that no effort was made. This isn't a matter of prejudice. This is -- was it prejudicial? Absolutely, because the Government failed to give any notice at all.

You cannot get around the shall. You can talk about may, could have, hypotheticals. The language in the text of the statute says shall, shall give reasonable notice. No notice was given. You have got to throw this case out.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's it?
MR. MARTIN: That's it.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Martin, I'm going to deny the motion. I'll let you know why I'm going to deny the motion. The regulation that you're referencing is talking about a books and records. This is not a books and records examination.

I agree with you that if the agency was doing a books and records that you have to give reasonable notice. You give the establishment reasonable notice for them -- to let them know that you're going to do the inspection and that they can gather all their records and provide it. However, this is not a books and records examination. This is a regulatory inspection that was done. As stated by Ms. Glasgow -- and I asked her a follow-up question -- she stated -- suppose they did not have the records. What would you do?

What she stated is that if they did not have it, I would give them -- I would say to them that I'm going to come on this specific date and time to examine them. As I said before, I'm denying your motion because this -- the provision that you're relying on, this is a books and records examination.

This was not a books and records examination. Mr. Martin, this was not a books and records examination. This is a regulatory inspection where it is that Ms. Glasgow stated that when I go, this is what I ask for. I check the lettering. I check their license.

This is when the investigators go to an establishment to ensure that they're in compliance of the law. This is -- that's a different provision of the law that you -- the portion of the law that you're relying on is not relevant to this case, sir. Therefore, what I'm going to do -- maybe I can make this decision, but I'm making a motion to the Board that your motion be denied because it is not relevant. The section of the law that you're relying on is not relevant to the case in hand.

MR. MARTIN: Can I be heard very
briefly?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure, sir, go ahead.

MR. MARTIN: Respectfully, exhibits -within the Government's own report, Exhibits 2 through 15 are what Ms. Glasgow thought were business records, receipts, records, which she took pictures of, which are the foundation of her case.

I don't see how this couldn't be a records issue, given that almost all of the Government's evidence would be, if it is what it's purported to be -- clearly, Ms. Glasgow believed it was -- business records.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, as I said before, as I stated, you're relying on the wrong section in the law. That's one of the reasons why -- you quoted the regulations, and I made sure that $I$ have a copy in front of me, so $I$ could follow along, so I could also read for myself the section of the law that you're relying on. With that said, I make a motion that it be denied. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll take a roll call vote on the motion that's been properly second by Ms. Crockett. Mr. Cato.

MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett.
MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Wahabzadah. MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah. I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who did I not call? Ms. Hansen.

MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson. The motion is denied, 5-0-0. That's one of the reasons why, if people wonder why I do that, I always have a list -- although I'm comfortable enough on my Board members, but I always read the list with their names to make sure that $I$ do not miss anyone. Are you ready, sir, to present your case?

MR. MARTIN: Yes, but with one quick issue. As to -- is ABRA able to post our exhibits if I call them or not?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. I
can ask Ms. Andrews to allow you to share your screen, sir. It's a matter of if you have them online, as Mr. Lui was able to do is to share his screen. If you have them online, we'll have -- I can ask that she gives you the ability to share your screen.

MR. MARTIN: I have them, but are we -- am I allowed to have a brief recess so I can get them lined up for direct?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, we can have a brief recess. But before you do that, let me ask -- I want to ask a question because documents and records are not being moved into evidence. I know that Mr. Lui had made an objection earlier. Mr. Lui, are you saying -what was the nature of the objection that you were raising?

MR. LUI: The District was not provided notice of the other witness. The District sees Tammy Truong within the case report and recognizes that she could have been called as a witness, but Thornton appears --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm at a disadvantage, Mr. Lui. Was there a disclosure?

Did either party disclose documents and witnesses prior to the hearing?

MR. LUI: The District disclosed its case report, which the Board can always take administrative notice of. However --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did Mr. Martin disclose documents and witnesses prior to the hearing?

MR. LUI: Mr. Martin did provide 22 exhibits between Monday, yesterday, and -between Monday and yesterday.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What witnesses, if any, were disclosed in these documents, in this disclosure?

MR. LUI: There was no witness list. There was nothing within these 20 documents that would identify a witness.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. How much time do you need? I don't have the documents in front of me. I was just procedurally trying to ask. How much time do you need, Mr. Martin, to do this, so we can share your screen?

MR. MARTIN: I would ask for, preferably, a 10 to 15 -minute recess.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's 3:22. We'll be off the record until 3:40.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 3:22 p.m. and resumed at 3:42 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a witness you will now call, Mr. Martin?

MR. MARTIN: Yes, we call Tammy Truong.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Truong.
Has Ms. Truong called back in?
MS. ANDREWS: Her number just popped up on the line, and I just overhead, that's all.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Truong.
MS. TRUONG: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise your right hand, please? Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the truth?

MS. TRUONG: I do.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Truong, you are testifying here under oath. I'm please directing you that you should not have any documents in front of you unless -- I believe that your attorney is going to share the screen so you can look at the documents.

Please, I don't want anyone to give you any information on anything, don't want anyone to speak to you. I need you, while you're testifying, to only communicate to your attorney, ma'am. Is that clear?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Your witness, sir. Go ahead.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you.

## DIRECT EXAMINATION OF TAMMY TRUONG

MR. MARTIN: Ms. Truong, could you state and spell your name for the record?

MS. TRUONG: My name is Tammy Truong. Last name is spelled $T$, as in Tom, $R$, as in Robert, U-O-N, as in Nancy, G, as in George.

MR. MARTIN: Ms. Truong, how are you -- are you the -- who is the owner of Uproar?

MS. TRUONG: Myself, one and only.
MR. MARTIN: Can you describe Uproar for the Board?

MS. TRUONG: It is two buildings, consists of two buildings merged. It's three levels. It is an LGBTQ+ community establishment.

MR. MARTIN: Does Uproar have liquor distributors that it uses?

MS. TRUONG: I do. Consistently, I use Capital Eagle, Breakthru, and Republic National.

MR. MARTIN: Do all distributors carry all products?

MS. TRUONG: No, they do not.
MR. MARTIN: How do you go about deciding which distributors to use for what beverages or purchases, generally?

MS. TRUONG: For beer, we have a decision between Premium or Capital Eagle, and I was recommended with Capital Eagle. They distribute more beer keg. That's their specialty. Then as far as other liquor companies, the majority of our orders are -- that we work and have a good relationship is Breakthru. The other one is Republic National. Those two are more the bigger -- that they carry liquor brands and more alcohol. For Republic, they kind of sell off the map, as of April 2019. That's just bad business, very hard to work with them.

Sometimes no deliveries, no callbacks, no communication. As far as my other companies, I have no problem, whatsoever. They go over and
above. If I call the day, they deliver the next day. I have all the drivers' phone number. We always get our products on demand.

As far as for Republic, it's a different situation because they only deliver one day. As far as if you wanted to, on the fly, I need this by tomorrow, you couldn't do that. They do not allow for you to call in the product. Your sales rep has to call it in.

As far as wanting to go to the premises to pick it up, that's not allowed, either. There's different restriction, as opposed to with Capital and Breakthru, the sales rep, he can contact me at 1:00 in the morning, doesn't matter. He's always on contact; same thing with Capital Eagle. If I put in the order, it's there the next day. If we are caught where we're short, they make adjustments for us where we can go and get it. Maybe it's just personnel. Maybe they have more manpower, more delivery trucks. I do not know. I know from just working Breakthru and Capital, which was much more on point.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. Are you familiar with the case report in this -- in your
case?
MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Do you agree that you spoke with Rhoda Glasgow, the investigator?

MS. TRUONG: Correct, yes. I spoke to her somewhere in September.

MR. MARTIN: Are you familiar with the exhibits in the case report?

MS. TRUONG: I think.
MR. MARTIN: Referring to Government Exhibit No. 1, do you have it there in front of you?

MS. TRUONG: Am I allowed to look at documents?

MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chair, this is where I'm referring to documents already in evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What document does she have in front of her?

MS. TRUONG: What document? Whatever -- Mr. Thomas asked me for Exhibit 1.

MR. MARTIN: Yes, Government Exhibit 1, with the yellow sticker, that Mr. Lui --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you give her -- does she have a copy of the case report?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Okay.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- a copy of the case report. The testimony that you're going to give is from the case report that was given to you. All right. Is that -- all right. Okay, fine. If that's all the documents right now from the case report, fine. You can look at the case report, ma'am.

MS. TRUONG: Okay.
MR. MARTIN: All right. Ms. Truong, you've got Government Exhibit No. 1, the case report, in front of you. Is that correct?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Directing your attention to Exhibit 2 -- are you looking at that, Exhibit 2?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, I am.
MR. MARTIN: Okay. It says, in the left margin, Friday, 5/13/2016.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Can you explain to the Board whether this was a purchase made outside the rules or not?

MS. TRUONG: Not.
MR. MARTIN: Can you explain?
MS. TRUONG: This was purchased for personal use.

MR. MARTIN: How do you know that?
MS. TRUONG: Because I have made purchase prior to that day, on May 11th, and also on the 13th, for my beer distributor, for Capital Eagle. I do not sell Corona at all. We don't carry Corona. These were -- the ticket from Costco is personal use.

MR. MARTIN: Do you keep your personal purchase receipts with your business receipts?

MS. TRUONG: No. And I keep it for my accountant and for tax purpose.

MR. MARTIN: Is there anything further you'd like to tell the Board about Exhibit No. 2?

MS. TRUONG: No.
MR. MARTIN: Directing the witness's attention to Exhibit No. 3.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Ms. Truong, it says Sunday, 7/31/2016 in the left margin. Is that right?

MS. TRUONG: Yes --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. MARTIN: I'm sorry.
MS. TRUONG: I'm sorry; I have the wrong --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does she have -- I don't understand what is the issue. If she has the case report --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, ma'am. If you have the case report in front of you, how do you have -- all the exhibits are attached to the case report. I don't understand where you have the wrong stuff or you have this paper here.

It's one case report, and all the documents are together. Why -- I don't understand where the problem is. That's one of the reasons why I prefer -- I want this to be on the video, so I can look to see what is going on. If there's one case report, sir, I don't --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What exhibit are we talking about? Exhibit what?

MR. MARTIN: I was asking Ms. Truong about Exhibit No. 3, which has Sunday, 7/31/2016 in the left-hand margin.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please do this first. Can you please ask her to find Exhibit No. 3, sir? What I want you to do -(Simultaneous speaking.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, ma'am. Mr. Martin, what I want you to do, can you ask her to turn to Exhibit No. 3. Ask her -- once you've established she has Exhibit No. 3, then you can be specific. Just direct her, first, to the exhibit.

This is what I want you to do so we won't have any further issues. Please ask her to turn to the exhibit number. Once she turns to the exhibit number, can you please ask her to identify the document that she has. Once she has identified the document, then you can ask her specific questions about it. Because I think it will go smoother, so I know, you know, and she knows that we're all dealing with the same document. Please do it that way, sir, please. MR. MARTIN: Understood. Ms. Truong, are you able to turn to what's been marked as -or entered into evidence as Exhibit 3 in front of you?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.

MR. MARTIN: What is the date, if there is a date, in the left-hand margin of what's marked as Exhibit 3?

MS. TRUONG: July 31, 2016, at 12:08 p.m.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Ms. Truong, was this a permissible purchase, or was it not?

MS. TRUONG: It was permissible.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Martin, can you please have her identify -- I don't know what Exhibit 3 is. Remember, we have a court reporter who -- can you please have her identify Exhibit 3, please?

MR. MARTIN: Okay, very well. Ms. Truong, looking at Exhibit 3, can you identify what is in the -- what is that a picture of?
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit 3? What is it? Is it a receipt? What is it, from whom? What is Exhibit 3, please?

MS. TRUONG: It's a Costco receipt.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Ms. Truong, was this a permissible purchase or not?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Mr. Martin, I'm sorry. Are you able to -- one of the reasons we took this break is for you to share your screen. Are you able to -- do you have the documents? I'll have Ms. Andrews give you permission to share your screen, so you can put it on the screen, so she can identify it. Are you able to do that, sir?

MR. MARTIN: Actually, Mr. Anderson, I put our exhibits, our potential exhibits, I've got those prepped, but I did not put Mr. Lui's because they were already in evidence. I would ask if Mr. Lui would be willing to post his report.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, can you -- Ms. Andrews, can you have Mr. Lui -- give him the ability to share his screen? Mr. Lui, can you please post your exhibits on the screen? What we're going to do, Ms. Truong, is -- I'm sorry to have you do this, Mr. Lui, because of their forms.

What you need to do, Mr. Martin, is to let him know what exhibit, change it, and then I'll ask the witness to identify it. If she
can't see it well, maybe she can look at her paper, but I need her to look at the screen. If it's not clear, then she can look down at what she has, but $I$ want her to testify from what's going to be on the screen, okay?

MR. MARTIN: Yes, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, can you -- Ms. Andrews, can you please allow Mr. Lui to share his screen, please? I appreciate this, Mr. Lui.

MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Okay, Mr. Lui, you should have the rights to share your screen now.

MR. LUI: Just a moment here. Okay. Is this visible?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: It is. Thank you, Mr. Lui. Ms. Truong, looking at what's posted, can you identify that document on the screen?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, it's a Costco receipt purchase on July 31, 2016, Sunday.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. MARTIN: What is this a picture of?

MS. TRUONG: It's a picture of a Costco receipt purchase.

MR. MARTIN: Do you know who made this Costco purchase?

MS. TRUONG: I did.
MR. MARTIN: What was it -- what did you use the Costco products for?

MS. TRUONG: Personal use.
MR. MARTIN: Is there anything you'd like to add to your testimony on this exhibit or not?

MS. TRUONG: Yes. To combat that is I made purchase for the restaurant use on July 28 from all three distributors, Capital Eagle, Breakthru, and also Republic.

MR. MARTIN: All right, thank you. Mr. Lui, are you able to advance to Exhibit 4?

MR. LUI: Yes. Can you see it?
MR. MARTIN: Yes, I can. Ms. Truong, can you see what Mr. Lui has posted?

MS. TRUONG: It was purchased on a Sunday, February 5, 2017, at 4:06 p.m.

MR. MARTIN: What is Exhibit 4, if you know?

MS. TRUONG: It's a Costco receipt.

MR. MARTIN: Who made this purchase?
MS. TRUONG: Myself; I made the purchase.

MR. MARTIN: How were the products purchased at Costco used?

MS. TRUONG: It was a personal use. Prior to that is I had purchased from my liquor rep on February 2nd from Capital Eagle, and also from Breakthru. Of course, if you look at the -for Capital Eagle, we purchased a large amount of Bud Light. We wouldn't need Bud Light. This is for my personal use at home from Costco.

MR. MARTIN: Mr. Lui, are you able to advance to No. 5?

MR. LUI: Yes. Can you see it?
MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Okay. Ms. Truong, are you familiar with Exhibit No. 5?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, this is another Costco receipt from Sunday, February 26, 2017, at 1:47 p.m.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. How were the products used that were purchased at Costco?

MS. TRUONG: This was personal use. Prior to this, for the restaurant, I purchased
from all three companies on February 23rd, for Capital Eagle, Breakthru, and Republic. Again, the restaurant does not carry Corona, and Capital Eagle does not sell Corona.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. Mr. Lui, are you able to advance to Exhibit No. 6, please?

MR. LUI: Yes. Can you see it?
MR. MARTIN: I can. Ms. Truong, can you see Exhibit No. 6?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, this is a Costco receipt, purchase on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 4:39 p.m.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. Who made this purchase?

MS. TRUONG: Myself.
MR. MARTIN: How was this purchase used, if at all?

MS. TRUONG: This was personal use. I was hosting a wedding for 189 people at my residence location.

MR. MARTIN: Very well.
MS. TRUONG: Before I could do that is on the same day, I had purchased from all three companies for the restaurant, which is Capital, Breakthru, and Republic.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. I am -- if I could have screen rights, I suppose.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you done with Mr. Lui's exhibits, sir?

MR. MARTIN: No, I'm not. I was going to come back. I wanted to introduce one exhibit, if I could, and resume at Exhibit 7.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Martin, what I would suggest, can you go through all of Mr. Lui's exhibits first?

MR. MARTIN: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then he can close his screen, and then you will have the opportunity to do that. Because going back and forth I don't think is going to be helpful. Why don't you finish -- go through all of the Government's exhibits, and then once you're done with that, then you'll get the ability to share your screen, sir.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. Mr. Lui, thank you. You've advanced to No. 7? Yes, okay. Ms. Truong, are you familiar with this document?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, Costco receipt purchased on Friday, October 27, 2017, at 2:50 p.m.

MR. MARTIN: Okay, and --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. MARTIN: Go ahead.
MS. TRUONG: This was purchased for personal use. Half of that was purchased for the restaurant because the liquor rep that I had put in the order, they shorted my items, and they were unreachable.

MR. MARTIN: Which distributor was that with?

MS. TRUONG: On that day, I purchased from Capital, Republic, and also Breakthru.

MR. MARTIN: How were the -- go ahead.
MS. TRUONG: Republic, I did receive their order, but they had shorted my orders. They did not include it. I called them, and they would not deliver. I would have to wait for next week.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. How were the products purchased at Costco used, with respect to Exhibit 7?

MS. TRUONG: I bought a total of four bottles. Two, I used it for my personal use, and then two was for the restaurant.

MR. MARTIN: Mr. Lui, are you able to
advance to Exhibit 8, please?
MR. LUI: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Ms. Truong, are you able to see Exhibit No. 8?

MS. TRUONG: Yes. This is a Costco purchase on Sunday, November 5, 2017, 4:08 p.m. This, again, is also for personal use. Prior to this is I had purchased from all three companies on November 2nd, from Capital, Breakthru, and Republic. Again, they do not -- Capital does not carry Corona.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. Mr. Lui I'm sorry? Mr. Lui, are you able to move on to Exhibit No. 9, please?

MR. LUI: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Ms. Truong, are you familiar with this document?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, this is purchased on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 11:46 a.m. This was, again, used for personal. It was an event. I donated to the MAL.

MR. MARTIN: What does MAL stand for?
MS. TRUONG: It's a leather weekend convention in the LGBT community that's held every -- yearly event around January.

MR. MARTIN: How were the products in this Costco receipt used?

MS. TRUONG: It's used for personal, made a donation to this event.

MR. MARTIN: Mr. Lui, are you able to advance to No. 10, please?

MR. LUI: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Ms. Truong, are you familiar with this document?

MS. TRUONG: Yes. This is Costco receipt. It says Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 10:50 a.m. Again, this date is a little discrepancy because on top, it's April 14, but on the bottom, it's April 19. This was used for personal use. I had counted -- to counter this, I have purchased from three companies. They deliver on April 20th for Capital Eagle, Breakthru, and Republic.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. Mr. Lui, are you able to advance to Exhibit 11, please?

MR. LUI: Yes, advancing. Okay.
MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Ms. Truong
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. MARTIN: Go ahead.
MS. TRUONG: This is a Costco receipt,

Monday, June 24, 2018, at 3 p.m. This is, again, with the service we talked about earlier. This is actually a Sunday. This was used for personal use. To counter that is I had purchased from my liquor rep from Breakthru Republic on June 21st, and then also from Capital June 20th and June 28th.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. Mr. Lui, are you able to advance to No. 12, please?

MR. LUI: Yes.
MS. TRUONG: This is a Costco receipt purchased on Friday. I think it was January, January 4, 2019, at 6:12 p.m., after hours. Again, I had called in and purchased from Breakthru and Republic. Breakthru, they deliver -- my delivery date was January 4th. Breakthru did deliver, but Republic never delivered, and they were unreachable, and it was too late.

MR. MARTIN: How were the products in this Costco receipt used?

MS. TRUONG: This was used for the restaurant because of the emergency. They didn't deliver my products. My other company did, but they did not. I was trying to call the sales rep and it's just unreachable.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. Mr. Lui, could you bring up No. 13, please? Ms. Truong, are you familiar with -- are you able to see this exhibit?

MS. TRUONG: Vividly. The handwriting is Friday, January 11, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. It's a receipt from Costco, which is delivered. I have orders from the company, but they did not include the products for me, the same issues. They didn't deliver.

MR. MARTIN: How were the products in Exhibit 13 ultimately used?

MS. TRUONG: It was used for the restaurant, but same thing. I purchased all three companies, which is Capital Eagle, Breakthru, and Republic deliver on that day that I submitted, January 11th. They did not include my orders, and they didn't fulfill it.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. Mr. Lui, are you able to go to No. 14, please?

MR. LUI: Yes.
MS. TRUONG: This is a Costco receipt purchased on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 6:58 p.m. This is for personal use. Again, this is an event for MAL held at the Hyatt. And it was a
donation. Prior to this, $I$ had three companies, all three, deliver on January 18th, that I purchased for (audio interference) Republic.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. Very well. Mr. Lui, are you able to advance to No. 15, please?

MR. LUI: Yes.
MS. TRUONG: This is a Costco purchase on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 6:23 p.m.

MR. MARTIN: And how were these products used?

MS. TRUONG: These were used for the restaurant. One of the things, too, again, they did not deliver the product.

MR. MARTIN: When you say "they," who is "they"?

MS. TRUONG: Oh, from Republic. They were unreachable and they didn't deliver. Because, prior to that same -- on the 22nd -- I'm sorry. I had called to order on February 18th but they were unreachable because I had deliveries on the 22nd to be delivered from all of these reps. They didn't deliver to me. They wouldn't add it.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. Okay. Very well. Ms. Truong, I'm going to toggle to my
exhibits for you.
MS. TRUONG: Okay.
MS. ANDREWS: Stand by, Mr. Martin.
MR. MARTIN: Thank you.
MS. ANDREWS: Okay, Mr. Martin, you can go ahead.

MR. MARTIN: Ms. Truong, are you able to see what's been marked for identification purposes as Exhibit 22?

MS. TRUONG: I am. Are you sharing on your screen or I'm supposed to look?

MR. MARTIN: I hope I'm sharing from my screen. I'm not sure. No? Hold on.

MS. TRUONG: No, it's not on.
MR. MARTIN: Hold on. I'm pushing "share content."

MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Martin, you should select the file that you wish to share after you

MR. MARTIN: All right. Is that visible?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, I can see it now.
MR. MARTIN: Okay. First time using this. I'm sorry. Are you able to see the exhibit number at the bottom?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, I see an affidavit by Ms. Uyanga Burentugs.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. What, if any, relevance does this document have to the matter today?

MS. TRUONG: She was a witness, and she had attended the wedding that was held at my residence.

MR. MARTIN: What was the date of that wedding at your residence?

MS. TRUONG: September 10th, 2017.
MR. MARTIN: Okay. So, how, if at all, does that relate to the report that we're dealing with?

MS. TRUONG: How is this related? It's because I had purchased at Costco, on September the 9th, the day before. I think the 6th or something -- within that week, September 6th.

MR. MARTIN: Looking at what's been marked as Exhibit 22, is this a true and accurate copy of the affidavit from Ms. Burentugs?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Has it been changed or altered in any way?

MS. TRUONG: No.
MR. MARTIN: Is it true and accurate in all respects?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: We'd ask the Board to accept Exhibit 22 into evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, do you have -- do you have--
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. LUI: Under Title 23, Section 1713.2, parties are supposed to exchange exhibits seven days prior to the hearing, unless there's good cause. There is an exception within the regulation. The Government, the District of Columbia, received 22 exhibits these last -within 48 hours, these past 48 hours. This was one of the exhibits, Exhibit 22, that's being presented here.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're saying you're objecting to it because it was untimely served?

MR. LUI: Yes. Even if admitted, this is affidavit of an individual who's not here to present this person's testimony and for us to even cross-examine the statements here. There is
no one to confront.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Martin, do you have anything you want to say?

MR. MARTIN: Yes. I mean, it seems as if some level of hearsay is admissible. We had Ms. Glasgow's testimony about conversations or advice from Mr. Peru, who didn't appear. And I would say that if this body is concerned about either hearsay or prejudice, the danger of that is minimal with this document.

Finally, I would just add -- and I don't think Mr. Lui will disagree -- most of the exhibits that we filed in fewer than seven calendar days he had been provided with months in advance. I will not say that this was one of those documents that he had for months, though.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anything else?
MR. MARTIN: Nothing else.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to grant the motion by Mr. Lui. I'm not going to accept this. I mean, Mr. Lui stated that it was not provided seven days in advance, and I'm going to agree with this.

And I'm not quite sure how this document can be presented as evidence when this
document, the date of this document, this document was executed at a date and time that has not arrived as yet. This document was executed on the 22nd of February 2022.

I can understand people making errors and writing February 22nd. Can we put the document -- and I will the page. I can understand folks make -- in inputting dates, that folks would say that the document was executed on February 22, 2020, because we're still in February, and it's now '21. This date that this document was executed on February 22, 2022. Therefore, it would have -- today is February 24th. So, if it was provided to Counsel, it was only provided to Counsel on Monday. And I have a problem with the document. I have not seen the notary seal, but I have a problem with the document, with the date.

So I'm not going to admit this document based on the position of the Government that it was not timely disclosed. And, secondly and more importantly, this document has a date that it was executed on February 22nd, 2022. Today is February 24th, 2021. So this document will not be included in the record. Let's move
on.
MR. MARTIN: Understood. Is my screen sharing, at this point? I'm just not sure. Is there --

MS. TRUONG: I can see it.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I can see it.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. Ms. Truong, I will scroll through because I'm not sure -- I'm not that familiar with this system. I'm scrolling through all three pages of this exhibit, and then I'll scroll back. I've got to go back up. I'm very sorry.

Ms. Truong, are you familiar with this document?

MS. TRUONG: My Excel sheet, this is my 2016 alcohol purchase record.

MR. MARTIN: Who created this?
MS. TRUONG: Myself.
MR. MARTIN: Okay. Can you explain what this document is?

MS. TRUONG: It's an itemized of all the purchases, by month, for the year.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. And what, if any, relevance does this document potentially have to
the case before us today?
MS. TRUONG: If you're talking about September 6th, then if you look at September 6th in that document, you'll see that I have purchased from all three companies. It has the invoice number. It has the amount purchased for and the checks or COD.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. And --
MS. TRUONG: What you're showing is -I'm sorry, this is 2016.

MR. MARTIN: Right.
MS. TRUONG: We're supposed to be in
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. MARTIN: I'm asking you what, if any, relevance does this document have, if any relevance at all?

MS. TRUONG: It does, because it shows all of my purchases counter to what the exhibits that the investigator submitted.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. And as I look at the columns, can you just explain what is the -on the far right, there's -- on the page that I'm looking at, the second page of Exhibit 2, there's a number, EX 2. Are you able to see that?

MS. TRUONG: I'm able to see that. That's an excerpt where it counters the exhibit that the investigator, $I$ guess, mentioned with the Costco receipts. I put the exhibit there to show that these are my purchases for the restaurant and that the Costco were my personal use.

Like, for instance, Exhibit 2, you can see my purchase was May 11, 12, 13. And the Costco receipt said that I purchased on Friday, on the 13th, which, why would I do that when I have already purchased for the restaurant, itself?

MR. MARTIN: Okay. Looking at Exhibit 2, is this a true and accurate copy of the spreadsheet you created?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Has it been changed or altered in any way?

MS. TRUONG: No.
MR. MARTIN: Is it true and accurate in all respects?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: We ask the Board that Exhibit 2 be admitted into evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui?
MR. LUI: No objections from the Government, from the District of Columbia, for this exhibit.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Licensee Exhibit No. 2 and received into evidence.)

MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
MR. MARTIN: I'm moving, quickly, on to what's been marked for identification purposes as Exhibit No. 3. This is another three-page document. Ms. Truong, are you familiar with this document?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: What is this document?
MS. TRUONG: It's the record-keeping for all purchases from the distributor for the restaurant for 2017.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. What, if any, relevance does it have to the case today?

MS. TRUONG: Similar with the exhibits from the investigators. On the far right, you'll see Excerpts 4 and 5. And I highlighted to show
that I have also purchased from my company, from my distributor company, at the same time.

So, again, it counters that I purchased for the restaurant. There was no need for me to purchase from Costco for business use. These were Costco purchases for personal use.

MR. MARTIN: Understood.
MS. TRUONG: On Excerpt 4, the charges was on a Sunday, for February 5th, but as you can see, February 2nd, I made my order in. And it's for all three companies. Or two companies, I'm sorry.

MR. MARTIN: Looking at the entirety of Exhibit 3, is this a true and accurate copy of the records you created?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Has it been changed or altered in any way?

MS. TRUONG: No.
MR. MARTIN: Is it true and accurate in all respects?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: We ask that Exhibit 3 be entered into the record.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui.

MR. LUI: No objection.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Licensee Exhibit No. 3 and received into evidence.)

MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
Ms. Truong, directing your attention to what's been marked for identification purposes as Exhibit No. 4 -- hold on. This is another three-page document. Can you identify?

MS. TRUONG: This is a purchase record for all of my distributors for 2018, with their invoices, dates, and amounts.

MR. MARTIN: Very well. The relevance to the case today?

MS. TRUONG: Same. On the right hand, if you see the excerpts, it says for ten. That counters the receipt that Investigator Glasgow has said I purchased for Costco. Similar, I had purchased from my distributor company for the restaurant, so there was no need to purchase Costco for business.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. Looking at the entirety of Exhibit 4, is this a true and accurate copy of the spreadsheet you created?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Has it been changed or altered in any way?

MS. TRUONG: No.
MR. MARTIN: Is it true and accurate in all respects?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: We ask that Exhibit 4 be entered into evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui.
MR. LUI: No objections.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
(Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Licensee Exhibit No. 4 and received into evidence.)

MR. MARTIN: Thank you. We're almost done. We're getting there.

Directing the witness's attention to what's been marked for identification purposes as Exhibit 5. This is another three-page document. Ms. Truong, are you familiar with this document?

MS. TRUONG: This is a list of all the purchases from all of my liquor purchased from the company, with date, time, invoice, and amount, for 2019.

MR. MARTIN: Very well.
(Simultaneous speaking.)
MR. MARTIN: Go ahead.
MS. TRUONG: The excerpt in the right hand, it's highlighted to mirror the exhibits that Investigator Glasgow had put up for Costco purchase. As you can see, I've purchased for the restaurant from my company. There was no need to purchase.

MR. MARTIN: Okay, understood. Looking at the entirety of Exhibit 5, is this a true and accurate copy of the spreadsheet?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Has it been changed or altered in any way?

MS. TRUONG: No.
MR. MARTIN: Is it true and accurate in all respects?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chair, we'd ask that Exhibit 5 be entered into evidence.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui.
MR. LUI: No objections.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
(Whereupon, the above-referred to
document was marked as Licensee Exhibit No. 5 and received into evidence.)

MR. MARTIN: Thank you. Ms. Truong, did you testify about a MAL donation earlier in your testimony?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. MARTIN: Okay. Indulgence, one moment. I'm just moving with the technology here. One second. I'm sorry. Let me find it. (Pause.)

MS. TRUONG: My last MAL was January 17 in this Excel sheet.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. I didn't pose a question. Hold on one second. I'm sorry, I'm trying to find the exhibit. One moment. Having a little technical difficulty here.
(Pause.)
MR. MARTIN: All right. Let me see if I can pause this, or share. Is there a picture posted?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, there's a picture posted. Yes, sir.

MR. MARTIN: Okay. Ms. Truong, are you familiar with this document?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.

MR. MARTIN: What is this?
MS. TRUONG: A picture of the event held at the Hyatt for the MAL weekend for 2018.

MR. MARTIN: What, if any, relevance does this have to the case before us today?

MS. TRUONG: It does have relevance because it shows that my purchase at Costco was for personal use in a donation for this event.

MR. MARTIN: Is this from the same -is this the same -- I'm posting another picture. Is this the same or a different event?

MS. TRUONG: This is the same. As you saw prior, that was a hotel reservation. We do this yearly. We reserve the room for the week. We meet clientele and just say thank you, pretty much.

MR. MARTIN: Understood. Thank you. I have no additional questions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you get out of the screen, please, sir?

MR. MARTIN: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What questions do you have? Your witness, Mr. Lui, if you have any questions.

MR. LUI: I just have a few brief
questions for Ms. Truong.
CROSS-EXAMINATION OF TAMMY TRUONG
MR. LUI: Ms. Truong, you testified that you keep receipts at Uproar.

MS. TRUONG: I do, yes.
MR. LUI: And that these receipts are both for personal reasons or personal receipts?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. LUI: And they're also business receipts?

MS. TRUONG: Correct.
MR. LUI: So these receipts are commingled.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. LUI: We also went through the case report. We went through about 14 Costco receipts.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. LUI: You testified that approximately 11 out of the 14 were for personal use.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. LUI: And that about three out of the 14 were for business use.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.

MR. LUI: You had also testified that you had made a purchase -- this was Exhibit 6 of the Government's report. This was a Wednesday purchase.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. LUI: But, on the same day, you also testified that you purchased from a wholesaler.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. LUI: So, on this day, you purchased from Costco and a wholesaler.

MS. TRUONG: So, that is correct.
MR. LUI: And then here was an Exhibit 12 of the Government's case report. This was a January 4th, 2019 purchase.

MS. TRUONG: Okay.
MR. LUI: There was the Costco purchase.

MS. TRUONG: Correct.
MR. LUI: And there was also a purchase with Breakthru Beverage, which is a wholesaler.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MR. LUI: And this was during the weekday. This was on a Friday.

MS. TRUONG: Friday at 6:00 p.m. 6:12 p.m., evening.

MR. LUI: I have no further questions for Ms. Truong. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Truong, where are these receipts kept?

MS. TRUONG: It is in a folder in a locked cabinet.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: A folder in a locked cabinet where?

MS. TRUONG: We have, like, a little closet-sized office closet underneath the stairs.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, this is a locked closet underneath the stairs in your business, is that correct?

MS. TRUONG: Yes. Everything --
(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, go ahead.

MS. TRUONG: Everything is kept in a file neatly. And it's labeled monthly.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, it's put in
a nice file and it's labeled monthly.
MS. TRUONG: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you live in
the same location where the establishment is?
MS. TRUONG: Can you repeat that?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you live at the same establishment where the business is?

MS. TRUONG: I do not.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You do not. And who normally orders alcohol for your establishment?

MS. TRUONG: Myself.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You.
MS. TRUONG: Mm-hmm.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, so you're the only person who orders alcohol for your establishment?

MS. TRUONG: Yes, because I have to cut the check. Some of them, they require COD, so I have to go to the bank and get cashier's check. So, nobody would know that, unless it was me.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you bought alcohol for personal use from Costco, why would you take your personal Costco receipts and take them to your business and put them in your monthly envelope for your business? Why would you do that?

MS. TRUONG: I'm sorry, I'm just an organized person. I just put everything neatly in one pile, so $I$ know where to go and get it. I keep it for my accountant. Some of the things are entertainment, and so I just want to know where they are. I keep seven years of it, and it's there. So, whenever it's needed, it's there.
(Simultaneous speaking.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead. I'm sorry, ma'am.

So you stated on direct that you keep them in that area for -- you said for -- let me see. I wrote some notes. You said you keep them for your accountant and for tax purposes. That's what you said. That was a direct quote. You keep them in -- you were talking about Exhibit 2. And you said that you keep them for your accountant and for tax purposes. You keep seven years.

So how do you distinguish -- for your accountant and tax purposes, how do you distinguish -- how do you remember that, okay, this was for Costco -- I'm sorry, this was my business, this was my personal? How do you
distinguish if you're going back over seven years? As you said, you keep for seven years. How do you distinguish which was which?

MS. TRUONG: Okay, so, we have QuickBooks. And one of the things is that, this is for IRS, which you have to keep records for seven years. So, if I was ever audited or anything, I have it. It's there. So I just put it there. If it's ever a question, it's there. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The question I'm asking, ma'am: how do you remember? If you're being audited over seven years, how do you remember that, okay, this receipt here is for personal, this receipt here for business? We're talking about you said you keep them for seven years. How do you remember that?

MS. TRUONG: Because I purchase minimum, but as you can see, my Excel sheet, I have all of the invoices from all of my company purchases that mirrors the checks and CODs and products. I keep all the receipts, so it's there.

Why would I go to Costco to purchase when it's more expensive for me? Because for me, working with the liquor rep at the company, when
you buy and you work with them, you get a better buy than you do with Costco.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know. I was about to ask you. I don't know. That was my next question. Why would you go purchase this much alcohol -- but, another question. If you're saying that it's cheaper from the wholesaler, why did you go to Costco to buy what Ms. Glasgow testified? She said that there was a significant amount of invoices from Costco. She only copied some. Why is it that you go to Costco? Why would you go to Costco and buy so much liquor? Why?

MS. TRUONG: That's not true. I mean, I don't know what Ms. Glasgow was -- when she called me, I said, ma'am, I'm not going to argue, but I will -- it's for personal use. And that was it. I did not think that because the same thing, it was so self-explanatory, because, obviously, all of my receipts are stapled together. You could see the purchases of all the products. So why would I go out and purchase Costco? To me, I thought it was self-explanatory.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

This is what Ms. Glasgow testified. Ms. Glasgow testified that she went to your establishment. She asked for an owner or an ABC manager. Your ABC manager, who she spoke to. And your ABC manager, she asked your ABC manager for the receipts for the past three years.

Your ABC manager went into this area that, clearly, you told him this is where the receipts are. And he gave Ms. Glasgow the receipts that, in his view, because he represents you when you're not in the store, in the establishment, he gave Ms. Glasgow, in his view, all the receipts for the past three years for the establishment.

So, how is it -- so, your ABC manager gave us these receipts as the receipts for the establishment. Isn't that correct? Isn't that what he did?

MS. TRUONG: Well, it is correct, but you also have to remember 1 call in and do all the purchases. I cut the checks. Again, this kid is 25 years old. He's there for ABRA compliance, to be a manager, to make sure there's no over-serving, but as far as all these receipts, he can't wrap his mind around it. He
doesn't do my booking. He doesn't do my book records. So, how can you hold him accountable, when he is just here as a manager to oversee and make sure that we're in compliance, as far as keeping the receipts. But he's not going to do book record-keeping and purchases.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Truong, who is an ABC -- what's an ABC -- when Ms. Glasgow testified that when she comes to your establishment she asks for yourself or an ABC manager, isn't that correct? And you were not there, so your representative was there, who provided her all the information that he said that she asked him for the receipts.

Let me ask you a question, Ms. Truong.
Did you authorize your ABC manager -- do you authorize your ABC manager to cooperate with ABRA when they show up?

MS. TRUONG: Yes. Obviously, yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And do you also authorize your ABC manager to provide an ABRA investigator for whatever information that they ask for?

MS. TRUONG: Yes. When it comes to just regular inspection, yes. But when it comes
to things that the inspector needs to identify and investigate furthermore, $I$ mean, that's just common sense that's the owner that you need to talk to. I mean, this kid doesn't cut the check. He doesn't order. How he would know the answer? He doesn't cut the employees' checks, either. So, I mean.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're not talking about cutting a check, ma'am. All I'm asking you for is that the ABC -- I'm asking -correct, asking a question. The ABRA investigator came to your establishment, asked for a copy of the receipts for the past three years. And isn't it correct that you authorized your ABC manager to provide this information to ABRA? Isn't that correct?

MS. TRUONG: It's correct. Like I said, if Ms. Glasgow had called me earlier, I would be happy to sit there and walk her through it. In previous inspections, we had the same, similar. When an inspector comes in, I show them. They see what she sees, and I explain to them. When I'm here -- because, usually, they come late at night. Some days I'm here; some days I'm not. And I'm able to explain it, and
they get it. I really don't --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, ma'am.

MS. TRUONG: -- know how to tell you, because I was not there. Had I been there, if she asked me, I would have been there to show her these things and explain to her these are personal use. I commingle because of personal -for business tax issues.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You commingle your receipts for business and tax issues. Is that what you're saying, ma'am?

MS. TRUONG: No, I mean, I put it in a location so $I$ can find it, so $I$ know where it is.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, if you want to know where it is, why didn't you not -- since you said you tabulate them -- it was your testimony that they're tabulated monthly. Why would you not just put an envelope to say business, personal, and put them in an envelope, but then you can still keep it in the same container?

MS. TRUONG: I'm sorry. I mean, I just thought that was just simpler to keep it in
one folder and I can go grab it. I know exactly where it is because it identifies the restaurant. So, it was my mistake.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
by any other Board member?
MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett. I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Go ahead, Ms. Crockett.

MEMBER CROCKETT: I'm sorry. I don't think you see me in the sunshine.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can see you, Ms. Crockett. Go ahead.

MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Truong, how long have you been a business owner?

MS. TRUONG: Five years.
MEMBER CROCKETT: You say that you have an accountant who does the books for your business.

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MEMBER CROCKETT: Do you have an accountant who does your business taxes?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MEMBER CROCKETT: Do you have an accountant who does your personal taxes?

MS. TRUONG: Same person.
MEMBER CROCKETT: And that person has advised you that you should commingle your receipts for your business and your personal expenses?

MR. MARTIN: Objection.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what's the basis of your objection?

MR. MARTIN: Relevance.
MEMBER CROCKETT: She stated that she commingled her receipts. I'm asking if her accountant advised her of this.

MS. TRUONG: No.
MR. MARTIN: That goes --
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If a Board member asks -- Mr. Martin, it takes a lot to object. If a Board member asks a question, that tells you that the Board member has some concerns. I think it would behoove you to allow your witness to testify so your Board member will have a better idea. Because, remember, the Board -- at the end of this, the Board is going to make a decision. If you have a Board member who has a buried question that they're trying to wrap their mind into, okay, what's going on, to give your
client the benefit of the doubt, I think it's best for your client to respond to the question. So I'm going to overrule the objection.

If she can answer the question, she can. She can say yes, no, maybe so.

Answer the question if you can, ma'am. If you can't answer the question, say you can't.

MS. TRUONG: I thought I did it because it was easier for me. I knew where to go find it if it was ever questioned. Now, knowing that, I would never have done that. The accountant did not tell me to do this. It was just more simple for me to know where to find it. MEMBER CROCKETT: Okay, thank you. The spreadsheets that were presented as evidence, you said that you designed those spreadsheets yourself.

MS. TRUONG: I'm sorry, can you --
MEMBER CROCKETT: The spreadsheets that identified all of your invoices and purchases, I think going back to 2016, you said that you developed those yourself.

MS. TRUONG: Yes. And I have the receipts to mirror it, yes.

MEMBER CROCKETT: Where did you pull
that data from?
MS. TRUONG: It's from my original receipts.

MEMBER CROCKETT: So, your original receipt from Breakthru, from Capital, you insert it into an Excel spreadsheet?

MS. TRUONG: Yes.
MEMBER CROCKETT: Do your distributors have a system that you are able to view your account with them?

MS. TRUONG: No.
MEMBER CROCKETT: Okay. I have no further questions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Crockett. Any other questions by any other Board members?

Mr. Lui, any questions of the witness based on the questions that were asked by myself and Ms. Crockett?

MR. LUI: No, Mr. Chairperson.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Martin, any questions of your witness based on the questions that were asked by myself and Ms. Crockett?

MR. MARTIN: None.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Thank you, Ms. Truong. Do you have another witness that you wish to call?

MR. MARTIN: No, we do not.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you rest, sir?

MR. MARTIN: We rest.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, do you have -- we can do closing. Mr. Lui, are you ready to do closing or you need a couple minutes?

MR. LUI: I'm ready, Mr. Chairperson.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Go ahead, sir. You have minutes. I'll give you five minutes to close.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS
MR. LUI: Thank you. The Government has proven by preponderance of the evidence that the establishment was in violation of purchasing alcohol from the Retailer License Class A, Costco, during the license hours of sale for wholesalers.

You heard from Investigator Glasgow that when she visited the establishment to conduct a regulator inspection she requested the establishment's invoices, and she got them. She got them from Mr. Alexander Campbell, the ABC
manager. Mr. Campbell provided Investigator Glasgow three years of invoices.

During this regulatory inspection, Investigator Glasgow identified 14 Costco receipts, nine of which show purchases during days and times when wholesalers were open. Two on Wednesday, three were from Thursday, and four were from Fridays, totaling nine.

The law prohibits these purchases on weekdays. It does not give an exception if the licensee is running low on alcohol. There's also no exception for personal use. The only exception within the statute is that you could purchase from Costco on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays when wholesalers are closed. Those are the only days on which you can purchase from Costco or a Retailer's License Class A.

When Investigator Glasgow informed that Mr. Campbell was in violation of this code provision, Mr. Campbell responded that he did not know that they could not shop at Costco. That is also not an excuse or a defense.

The Government has, therefore, proven the charge in this notice to show cause. The Government recommends that the Board apply a
penalty consistent with D.C. Code Section 25-830. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Martin, you have five minutes.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you. In this case, we would ask you to find for Uproar. In this case, we have an inspection that occurred, as we've noted on the record, without notice. The Board has responded to that, but we would just add that the inspection -- or rather the case report, the vast majority of the receipts attached were for periods where the purchase of alcohol would be permissible.

For the limited number that it might be in question, Ms. Truong has credibly testified as to why she made those purchases and why they constituted what might be considered a business emergency, in that Republic or other distributors were not otherwise available to her.

Accordingly, we ask you to find for Uproar. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Do the parties wish to file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law or waive their right to do so?

MR. LUI: The District waives.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Martin.
MR. MARTIN: Uproar waives.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. The Board will issue a decision within 90 days. Hold on, please.

As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, I move that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting for the purpose of seeking legal advice from our Counsel on Case No. 20-CMP-0004 -- I'm sorry --19-CMP-00173, Uproar, pursuant D.C. Official Code 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, and deliberating upon Case No. 19-CMP-00173, Uproar, for the reasons cited in D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b)(13) of the Open Meetings Act. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call vote on the motion that was properly second by Ms. Crockett. Mr. Cato.

MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Wahabzadah. MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah. I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett.
MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen.
MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis.
I'm sorry. I'm looking at my notes. Mr. Anderson. I agree.

As it appears that the motion has passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will recess these proceedings to hold a closed meeting in the ABC Board conference room, pursuant to Section 2574(b) of the Open Meeting Act.

Thank you very much for your participation today. If you give me a minute, let me close the record formally for this case and for the day.

As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with Title 3, Chapter

405, Office of Open Government, I move that ABC Board hold a closed meeting on February 25th, 2021, for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations of alleged civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations and seeking legal advice from our legal counsel on the Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, licensing agenda for February 25th, 2021, as published in the D.C. Register on February 19th, 2021. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has second the motion. I will now take a roll call vote on the motion that has been properly second by Ms. Crockett. Mr. Cato.

MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Wahabzadah.
MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah.
I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett.
MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen.

MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.
I agree. As it appears that the motion has passed, $I$ hereby give notice that the ABC Board will hold this aforementioned closed meeting, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Notice will also be posted on the ABC Board hearing room bulletin board, placed on the electronic calendar on ABRA's website, and published in the D.C. Register in as timely a manner as practical.

I would like to thank everyone for their participation today. The Board, as I stated before, will take this under advisement and will issue a decision. Have a great day. We are now adjourned for the day.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 5:04 p.m.)

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