

State suspends bar's liquor license

Overcrowding cited at business tied to fatal West Haven shooting

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WEST HAVEN — The state Department of Consumer Protection has summarily suspended the liquor license of Two Thirteen Bar and Grill in West Haven, citing reports of overcrowding from the local police department.

The bar, located at 213 Saw Mill Road, is closed until further notice, the DCP said in a news release Tuesday. The agency

said the suspension notice was served Monday.

Previous calls to the bar also included a double-shooting in October that left one person dead, according to police. The move comes after city officials also announced the closure of Muzeum Sports Bar and Grill after an altercation June 20 led to the killings of two brothers.

A person reached by phone at a number listed for Two Thirteen Bar and Grill declined to comment.

The news release from DCP said the suspension resulted from a referral to the agency's Liquor Control Division Monday by West Haven police. It followed "a pattern of repeated overcrowding, service after hours and a history of required police intervention," most recently on Sunday.

"Exceeding the legal capacity of your establishment is a serious threat to the safety of the patrons," DCP Commissioner Bryan Cafferelli said in a statement.

"This repeated behavior, along with attempts to prevent law enforcement and liquor control agents from reducing overcrowding and impeding exits shows that Two Thirteen is managed without regard for the wellbeing of the public. This is a core responsibility of holding a liquor license and we expect all of our permittees to meet these expectations."

A letter from West Haven Police Chief Joseph Perno said police, the fire marshal and members of DCP's Liquor Control Division went out to the bar for a compliance inspection early Sunday.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

A SPECTACULAR SEQUEL



Members of the crowd attempt to catch T-shirts thrown into the stands during the 2026 GametimeCT High School Sports Awards show at the Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater in Bridgeport on Tuesday.

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High school athletes, coaches, teams celebrated at 2nd annual GametimeCT Awards

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BRIDGEPORT — The second annual GametimeCT High School Sports Awards Show proved to be even more spectacular than last year's inaugural event as it boasted more awards, more than 950 guests, an Olympian to introduce one of the winners and the presentation of the first GametimeCT Cup to the school with the best overall athletic school year.

GametimeCT was launched 13 years ago to give athletes, coaches, and fans throughout the state one place that they could turn for the most comprehensive coverage of high school athletics.

With a constant flow of game reports, videos, upbeat features, polls, podcasts, all-conference and all-state teams intertwined with human interest stories shared with readers, GametimeCT decided to wrap up each school year in a spectacular red carpet fashion.



Jordan McCue from Cheshire High School, left, was awarded the Performance of the Year, Girls Sports award at the second annual GametimeCT High School Sports Awards show on Tuesday at the Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater in Bridgeport.

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The GametimeCT High School Sports Awards Show was created to highlight and honor the most inspiring athletes and exciting moments, the most spectacular individual and team performances, the

greatest of our many state champions along with the overall joyous influence players and coaches have on their communities.

The event returned this year even bigger and better on Tuesday night at Hartford

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HealthCare Amphitheater. Seventeen major awards were presented, including one by Olympic skeleton athlete Austin Florian of Southington.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal was on hand to honor award recipients and their families, and keynote speaker Anthony Latina, the head men's basketball coach at Sacred Heart University, inspired the crowd with a keynote speech.

"Mark Twain once said that there are two more important days in your life: the day you were born, and the day you figure out why," Blumenthal said. "Today is part of figuring out your personal why, not the end of it by any means. But I am so impressed that the

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Judge won't reinstate Quinnipiac women's rugby team

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BRIDGEPORT — A federal judge on Tuesday rejected a request to reinstate the Quinnipiac University women's rugby team, issuing a setback for student athletes hoping to save the defunded program.

The ruling comes less than a month after nearly two dozen current and future players filed a lawsuit alleging that Quinnipiac violated federal law by downgrading its three-time national championship winning varsity program to club status.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Bridgeport, alleges the university demoted the team at the end of the 2025-26 season in retaliation for a series of Title IX complaints that were made by team head coach Rebecca Carlson.

Judge Kari A. Dooley declined to issue a temporary restraining order preventing Quinnipiac from relegating the team to club status for the upcoming season, but said she plans to bring the "case to trial as quickly as possible."

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Out-of-state buyers are targeting Connecticut's cheapest homes, data shows

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For \$950 a month, you, too, can sign a lease at the Garden Hills Apartments in downtown Hartford. It's a condominium complex with around 600 rentals in Connecticut's state capital — managed by a company in New Jersey and registered to a mailing address in Rockland County, N.Y.

There's no question that buyers from out-of-state love to pick up high-end Connecticut property. If you look at all properties

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Colonial roots don't define who counts as American



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It is in vogue in some quarters at the moment to insist that being truly American depends to some extent on one's background or heritage. That

America isn't simply a collection of people from around the world who share a common commitment to freedom and democracy but, instead, the terminus of a throughline that begins with the continent-crossing settlers of the 19th century and ends with the red-capped, star-spangled Americans of today.

America, Vice President JD Vance offered last year, is "not just an idea. We're a particular place, with a particular people, and a particular set of beliefs and way of life."

This is an important argument for Vance to make because it draws a line between Those Who Were Here and Those Who Have Arrived. His

boss, President Donald Trump, is in the process of deporting as many recent (and not-so-recent) arrivals to this nation as he can; defining those people as necessarily un-American presumably reduces any lingering friction Trump's supporters might have about the entire process.

But it is grotesque, partic-

ularly on the occasion of the nation's 250th birthday, to suggest that this is anything other than a country centered on a commonality of ideals rather than origin. And I say that not as someone whose presence in the United States is a function of having immigrated here or having been born here to im-

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