

DATE OF VIOLATION TIME 03/19/05 2350 A.M. P.M. DAY OF WEEK NATIONAL CLASS CODE

NAME (First, Middle, Last) CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS MARKAKIS

CITY HERMOSA BEACH CA STATE ZIP CODE 90254

SEX (M) F HAIR BRN EYES BRN HEIGHT 604 WEIGHT 250 RACE C BIRTHDATE MO DAY YEAR

VEHICLE LICENSE NO. STATE CA CLASS JUV. TEL#

VEHICLE YEAR MAKE MODEL BODY STYLE COLOR

REGISTERED OWNER OR LESSEE/ADDRESS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY NO.

Eligible for Dismissal (V.C. 40510(b))	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKING REQUIRED	CASE NO. DR 05-1058
Yes Violation(s)	Code Sections and Descriptions	
Yes	103.4.4 UFC/15.20.010 HBMC	
Yes	MAINTAINING HAZARDOUS CONDITION	
Yes	2501.16.3 UFC OVERCROWDING	
Yes	CLUB SAFFIRE	

LOCATION OF VIOLATION(S) 705 PIER AVE

SPEED Approx. PF/MAX VEH LMT SAFE Radar/Laser INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT

WEATHER Dry Wet Fog Road Cond. Heavy Medium Light TRAFFIC N W E

VIOLATIONS NOT COMMITTED IN MY PRESENCE, DECLARED ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF. I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

ISSUING OFFICER: B. SCOTT

NAME OF ARRESTING OFFICER - IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SERIAL NO. 182

WITHOUT ADMITTING GUILT, SIGNATURE AND PLACE CHECKED BELOW.

X SIGNATURE

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County Seat 505 S. Centre, San Pedro 90731 (310) 519-6016

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Parent or guardian must accompany juvenile to court.

Other

WHEN: Date: APRIL 25, 2005 at 08:30 A.M.

WHAT TO DO: FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE.



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NAME (First, Middle, Last) DANIEL JOSHUA MILLER

CITY RANCHO PALMS VERDES CA STATE ZIP CODE 90275

SEX (M) F HAIR BRN EYES BRN HEIGHT 507 WEIGHT 150 RACE C BIRTHDATE MO DAY YEAR

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HERMOSA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hazardous Conditions Incident Report

Fire Incident 05-0424 PD DR# 05-1058

On 03-19-05 at 2350 hours, I cited the owners of Club Saffire, 705 Pier Avenue, Hermosa Beach, California, for Maintaining a Hazardous Condition, in violation of Uniform Fire Code section 103.4.4 and Hermosa Beach Municipal Code section 15.20.010; specifically Overcrowding as defined in section 2501.16.3 of the Uniform Fire Code, which states "Overcrowding and admittance of persons in a building or portion thereof shall not exceed the approved capacity of a place of assembly are prohibited." The owners cited are Daniel Joshua Miller, DOB [REDACTED] 73, DL [REDACTED] of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA (cite H357076); and Christopher Douglas Markakis, DOB [REDACTED] -67, DL [REDACTED] of Hermosa Beach, CA (cite H357077).

The occupant load for Club Saffire is 222 + 91, which is a total of 313. If the occupant load for Moma's is included (120) it brings the total occupant load to 433, spread across all 3 rooms. The estimated number of people in the two rooms of Club Saffire was well over 600.

Engine 11 and Ambulance 12 were dispatched to 705 Pier Avenue, Club Saffire, on a complaint of overcrowding at 2337 hours on the above date. On arrival at 2345 hours I observed a line of approximately 80 people on the south sidewalk outside the front doors to Club Saffire. I also observed approximately 50-60 people in the occupancy at 703 Pier Avenue, known as Moma's Original Pizza, which is west of Club Saffire, but in the same building. When I arrived at the front doors to Club Saffire, I observed people standing elbow to elbow in the lower room with very little room to move. Club Saffire is a split-level occupancy with a bar area on the lower level that is part of the entrance with an occupant load of 91. A 48 inch wide stairway leads up to the larger room that holds the majority of the floor space, and has an occupant load of 222. Both occupant loads are posted above the main doorway. The total occupant load for both areas is 313.

Based on this observation I contacted the Head Doorman and asked how many people he had inside. He replied, "I have no idea", while shrugging his shoulders. Officer Sellan related that during a conversation with the doorman, he admitted to having counted in 775 people at least an hour prior to our arrival.

I zeroed out three hand counters and gave one to Engineer Powers, one to Engineer De Los Santos, while I retained the third one. I instructed them to do their best to get a total count of people inside and we would compare the numbers afterwards. I entered the lower room and began counting until I got to where an obvious bottleneck of people was concentrated at the base of the stairs. I had already counted 179 before encountering the crowd of people at the bottom of the stairs. The occupant load for this room is 91. I could see that there was a stalemate with people wanting to go upstairs and another huge amount wanting to come down, with no room for anyone to move. I felt that this was a serious situation that was a life-threatening hazard and needed to be mitigated immediately.

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I then directed people at the bottom of the stairs to move to the other side of the room, to allow for some movement of people either up or down. There was a security person at the stairs but he was not in control of the situation at all. I then made contact with Markakis as I forced my way up the stairs. I advised him to turn off the music and turn up the house lights, that they were overcrowded. After relating this to him several times over the loud music, and people talking and shouting, he had the DJ comply with my request. I explained that he needed to remove a lot of people from inside that they were very overcrowded, when a patron contacted me, that there was an injured person in the upper room. I sent the personnel of Ambulance 12 to start medical care and had Rescue 11 dispatched to the scene. I also requested HBPD for assistance with the crowd as we took action to lower the number of people inside the Club.

I made contact with Engineers Powers and De Los Santos to inquire what counts they had made. Engineer Powers had counted over 459 people in the upper and lower rooms and stopped counting because 150-200 people still remained to be counted. Engineer De Los Santos had counted 189 from the Moma's side and part of the lower room and was unable to gain access upstairs due to the packed crowd to begin counting upstairs. Based on the extent of the overcrowding, I determined that the building needed to be emptied and the proper number of occupants counted back in.

I requested Markakis meet me out in front of the business where I could explain what needed to be done. While awaiting Markakis' arrival I was approached by Miller who identified himself as one of the owners. I advised him that his business was extremely overcrowded and that we needed to empty the building for public safety, and afterwards we would count back in the legally allowed amount. Markakis had arrived by then had heard my request. Both men were very cooperative and coordinated with their security people to comply.

Once the building had been emptied, HBFD personnel monitored the ingress of people until approximately 250 had entered. Markakis and Miller decided that they would keep the number inside the rest of the night well below the posted limits.

I cited both Markakis and Miller for Maintaining a Fire Hazard; Overcrowding at Club Saffire, at the above address and date.

P. H. Santos

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS INCIDENT REPORT

DATE OF REPORT 03 / 19 / 2005

BUSINESS CLUB SAFFIRE
ADDRESS 705 PIER AVE
OWNER/MANAGER DANIEL JOSHUA MILLER
PHONE _____

CITATION # H 357076
FR # 05-0424
DR # 05-1058
AR # _____

VIOLATION

UNIFORM FIRE CODE SECTION (S) 103.4.4 / HBMC SEC 15.20.010

ON 03119 105 AT APPROXIMATELY 23:50 HOURS I
ENTERED THE PREMISES KNOWN AS CLUB SAFFIRE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTION. UPON ENTERING THE A PREMISES I
OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING HAZARDOUS CONDITION (S):

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- EXIT ACCESS, PATHWAYS AND DISCHARGES BLOCKED BY OVERCROWDING CONDITION(S) SECTION - 2501.9.1 UFC
- EXIT ACCESS, PATHWAYS AND DISCHARGES BLOCKED BY STORAGE AND OBSTRUCTIONS SECTION - 2501.9.1 UFC
- LOCKS AND LATCHES PRESENT ON DOORS WITH REQUIRED PANIC HARDWARE SECTIONS 1207.3 & 2501.8.2 UFC
- USE OF UNAPPROVED DECORATIVE MATERIALS CAUSING INCREASED FIRE LOAD - SECTION 1103.3.3.1 UFC
- ILLUMINATED EXIT SIGNS AND EXITWAYS INOPERATIVE OR BLOCKED FROM VIEW DUE TO OVERCROWDING - SECTION 1211.1 UFC
- OCCUPANT LOAD SIGNS NOT POSTED AS REQUIRED - SECTION 2501.16.1 UFC
- PATRONS SMOKING IN AREAS DESIGNATED "NO SMOKING" - SECTION 1109.4.1 UFC
- OVERCROWDING CONDITIONS PRESENT - SECTION 2501.16.3 UFC

IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, I OBSERVED THESE ADDITIONAL HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ALSO PRESENT:

BLOCKED ACCESS TO THE MAIN EXIT DUE TO THE BOTTLE NECK OF PEOPLE AT THE STAIRWAY, DUE TO OVERCROWDING.

I CONTACTED THE OWNER / MANAGER MILLER AND ASKED HIM / HER TO PRODUCE IDENTIFICATION. I WAS , WAS NOT , GIVEN IDENTIFICATION. I ALSO CONFIRMED THE OWNERS / MANAGERS IDENTITY BY: DRIVERS LICENSE AND PREVIOUS CONTACT

THE OWNER / MANAGER ACKNOWLEDGED , DENIED , THE OVERCROWDING SITUATION AND ESTIMATED THE OCCUPANT LOAD TO BE _____ PERSONS INSIDE AND _____ PERSONS OUTSIDE. I ADVISED THE OWNER / MANAGER THAT I ESTIMATED THE TOTAL OCCUPANT LOAD TO BE OVER 500 PERSONS. I ESTIMATED THE OCCUPANT LOAD BY USING THE FOLLOWING METHOD: INDIVIDUAL COUNTERS AND EXPERIENCE

THE POSTED OCCUPANT LOAD FOR THE NAMED BUSINESS IS 313 PERSONS INSIDE AND _____ PERSONS OUTSIDE.

AFTER ADVISING THE OWNER / MANAGER OF THE HAZARDOUS CONDITION, A CITATION WAS ISSUED.

SEE ATTACHED:

- CITATION
- CRIMINAL HISTORY PRINTOUT
- RELATED REPORTS

B. Scott
ISSUING OFFICER

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ID / EMPLOYEE #

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**Hermosa Beach Police Department
Supplemental Report
DR 05-1058**

Involved Party: Craig Mitchell [REDACTED]-74)
[REDACTED]ale, CA. 90267
[REDACTED]

Lawndale

Source: On 3-19-05 at approx. 2340 hours, Officer Brunn and I were dispatched to 705 Pier Ave to assist the HBFD with an occupancy check at the Saffire bar.

Observations / Investigation: Upon arrival, the HBFD began conducting an occupancy check inside the bar. I observed the bar to be extremely crowded and appeared to be over their occupancy level. While the firemen were doing their check, I spoke with Craig Mitchell who told me that he was head of security and also responsible for the amount of patrons inside the bar. I asked him how he kept count of the patrons inside and he told me with two counters. I then asked him how many people he had counted in inside and he told me 775 patrons. I asked him why he let so many patrons inside and he replied, "well, it's opening night you know."

Sellan # 168

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