

Memorandum

To: Supt. Mark Morgan
CC: D.S Andrew B. Lipson, Maria Morelli
From: Lt Paul J. Cullinane
Date: 9/14/2020
Re: Sanctuary Medicinal's/Compliant

Sir,

On September 2, 2020, I received an email from Town Meeting Member (TMM), Susan Park, Precinct 2 who was forwarding a complaint from TMM Donnelle O'Neal, Precinct 4, who was reporting that the Lead Security Officer at Sanctuary Medicinal's, 1351 Beacon St., reported to him (O'Neal) that a diversion of marijuana had taken place outside of the dispensary, from a male to a female. The security officer, Adeniyi (Ade) Ijanusi is a neighbor of Mr. O'Neal's and Mr. O'Neal in his capacity as a TMM referred Ijanusi for employment with the dispensary, which leads to him being hired as the Lead Security Officer. Since this report was made by two people who had no actual knowledge of this incident, I felt that I needed to interview the Lead Security Person, Mr. Ijanusi.

I attempted to make contact by requesting his phone number from Mr. O'Neal, who is Mr. Ijanusi's friend. Mr. O'Neal was hesitant about furnishing me his phone number, but did indicate he would speak to Ijanusi, and have him contact me to be interviewed. On September 3, 2020, at 1244 Hrs. Mr. O'Neal emailed me and stated that he had spoken to Ijanusi and that he would call me. After obtaining Mr. Ijanusi's phone number from his employer Sanctuary Medicinal's, I placed a call and left a message to call me at 1428 Hrs. the same date. On September 4, 2020 at 1109 Hrs. I emailed Mr. Ijanusi and again asked him to call me regarding this incident. On Saturday 5, 2020, Mr. Ijanusi responded to my requests for an interview with an email.

A copy of the email sent by Mr. Ijanusi states;

Sorry I missed your call today. First I will like to remain anonymous and off the record. Everything that happened is pretty much on tape.

The incident happened on Monday August 31st @ around 5.26pm a white male in a burgundy two sport vehicle pulls in the sanctuary parking lot on Webster Street. He exits the vehicle with a young white female who stays in the parking lot while the male proceeds to enter sanctuary. At the lobby entrance (2nd ID check point) the gentleman ID was scanned (22 yrs) of age. He looked a lot high so I asked if he was ok, it was then I was informed by the receptionist that the gentleman has been there before to purchase and was acting a lil suspicious the last time he was there. I kept an eye on him as well as the girl in the parking lot through camera. After purchase he heads out to the parking lot where he meets the young girl, he opens the bag in the parking lot grabs something out of it, hands the bag to the young lady and proceeds to roll up in the parking lot. I stepped out to the parking lot, told them no public consumption allowed, he laugh told me it was in his pocket and they were meeting their friends on the corner of the store (Eurika I think). Noticed the lady looked really young and ask if she was 21 she said no and I told them to be careful.

On my way back into sanctuary I noticed there were 3 more young individuals (2 white males and a very white young looking female bout 18 with a backpack on) were joined by the guy and girl I had cautioned. I told my security guy (Patrick) to keep an eye on them. A second individual from the group proceeds to enter sanctuary store to purchase while the rest of the group waited outside by Eurika store. As the second individual enters I informed him that after his purchase he and his friends need to leave asap because we don't allow minors around. he purchases exits and meets with the group outside where he opens the bag looks inside, before they split up. First individual leave with the female from the Webster parking lot, while the others got into a red Volvo vehicle on beacon. I informed Steve the assistant manager on duty that day, immediately about the situation upon entering the building after giving the first caution, we both observed from the camera station. Steve told the receptionist to leave a flag note on both males id for being around with minors. Dave Kimmel came in sometime after 6pm upon which i informed him of the situation. He informed me that he was aware of it because he got a called from the store owner next door telling him of some young individuals hanging around with our products in their hands. That''s my take on it

As stated earlier, please I will like to remain anonymous and this is off the record. Hope this helps with you investigation.

best regards
Adeniyi

The document disseminated by Ms. Park and Mr. O'Neal differed on the details of the email authored by Mr. Ijanusi, so I thought it best to investigate Ijanusi's allegation since he had firsthand knowledge of the perceived events that he had witnessed.

A review of the video and documents obtained through Sanctuary Medicinal's revealed that on August 31, 2020 at 1724 Hrs., a red Nissan enters the rear parking area of Sanctuary Medicinal's and a male and female exit the vehicle.



The couple exits the parking area and walk through the alley that leads onto Beacon St. At this point it appears that the male attempts to go into the dispensary without a “pre-order” confirmation and after being denied access, returns to the chairs located outside of the Eureka Puzzle/Gift Store, 1349 Beacon St. At this time the couple is met at the chairs outside of Eureka by several acquaintances known to them, specifically a female with a backpack, (mentioned in Mr. Ijanusi’s email) who was accompanied by a male with a white bandana

Dispensary documents indicate the male party, identified as Matthew Cross, Age 22, Torrington Ct., placed an order online at 1740 Hrs., ordering two pre-rolled marijuana cigarettes, and two packages of concentrates. Sanctuary records reports that this was the first time that Mr. Cross entered the dispensary, and would explain why he hadn’t “pre-ordered” prior to arriving. Mr. Cross entered the dispensary, purchased the order at 1751 Hrs, and then exited the dispensary.

At 1754 Hrs, the couple returns to their vehicle where they walk by a female known to them who was wearing a backpack. They open to the package of products to view the contents purchased. After reviewing the contents, the bag is placed inside the vehicle. At 1755 Hrs, the female in the backpack walks towards Beacon St., through the alley. A short time later, the couple walks back through the alley to meet up with the group of people located in front of Eureka Puzzles.



At 1757 Hrs, as they are walking through the alley to return to Beacon St., the couple is approached by Sanctuary Security. The interaction is short and lasts a few moments (seven to ten seconds),



at which point they all return to the direction of Beacon St. At no time were there any observations of either person using any type of substance while in the parking area.

The second female, described wearing a backpack proceeds through the alley texting on her cellphone and meets a males wearing a black shirt, and a white bandana. They embrace each other indicating that they are not strangers.



At 1756 Hrs, the second male, identified through Sanctuary as Matthew Fisher, age 22, Torrington Ct. placed an order for one pre-rolled cigarette, four concentrates and two strains of flower. An 1800 Hrs pick up time is assigned. Fisher enters the dispensary, attempts to make his purchase with two different debit cards, which are denied. Fisher leaves the dispensary, returns to the Eureka tables, and then returns to the dispensary where he completes his purchase at 1817 Hrs.,

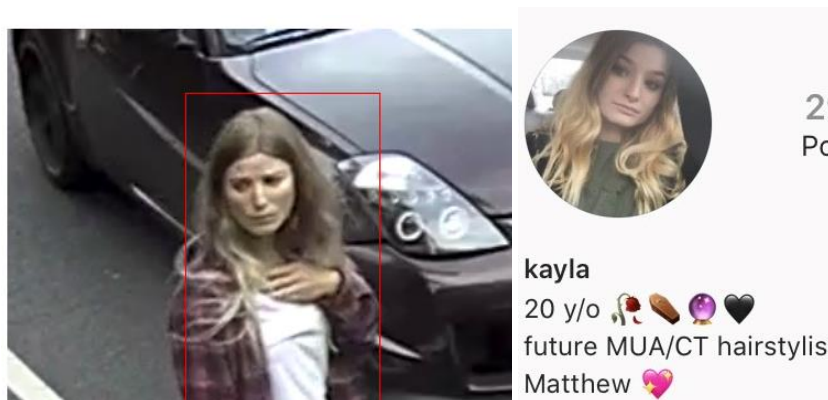
At 1804 Hrs, a third male, identified through Sanctuary as Jason Scheerer, age 22, Torrington Ct. placed an order for one pre-rolled cigarette and three strains of flower. An 1815 Hrs. pick up time is assigned. Scheerer enters the dispensary and makes his purchase at 1819 Hrs.

At 1819 Hrs, the red Nissan exits the parking area on Webster St. as well as the other individuals who were with the group located on Beacon St.



At no time were any party's observed to be consuming THC infused products or flower in public.

A check of open source, Social Media reveals that Male Customer #1, Matthew Cross is in a dating relationship with a female identified as Kayla Lafferty Age 20 (DOB Unknown); Ms. Lafferty accompanied her boyfriend to the dispensary, and remained



outside during the entire transaction. When Mr. Cross exited the dispensary, which was his first occasion at Sanctuary Medicinal's, he and Ms. Lafferty returned to his vehicle, where they proceeded to open the bag (outside the vehicle) to view the products purchased, two pre-rolled marijuana cigarettes, and two packages of concentrates. At no time did the couple smoke or consume any of the products purchased.

A check of open source, Social Media reveals that Male Customer #2, Matthew Fisher is in a dating relationship with Hannah Thompson, Age 20 (D.O. B 09/27/1999). Ms. Thompson appeared on video, texting on her cell phone, wearing



a backpack. She is later lifted up in the air by Matthew Fisher, when he arrives. At no time did Ms. Thompson ever enter the dispensary, nor was she observed consuming or possessing any products purchased.

I spoke with Steven Finney, the Vault Manager at Sanctuary/Brookline. Mr. Finney reported that on 08/31/2020 at 1810, he was conducting his check of the building when Mr. Ijanusi reported what he thought might be some suspicious activities. Finney made observations of the group congregating around the tables at Eureka Puzzles, but did not notice any actions that he believed to be suspicious. Finney indicated that he felt that the group was located on a public way and not in front of the dispensary, leaving him with no authority to ask them to move along. Finney reported that the group left the scene a short time later.

I spoke with David Kimmel, regarding his conversations with Mr. Ijanusi on 08/31/2020. Kimmel reported that Ijanusi told him that he believed he saw someone in a car "twisting a joint" in the parking area and that he went outside and that he went outside and told the person what he was doing and needed to leave. Kimmel stated that he asked Ijanusi if he had reported the incident to management yet and he no, but he was going to.

I spoke with the David Lechinsky the owner of Eureka Puzzles/Gifts who recalled speaking to David Kimmel on 08/31/2020 about a group of people who were sitting on the chairs in front of his store. Lechinsky reported that he was happy to see the additional foot traffic created by the dispensary, and was in no means complaining about people sitting in the chairs in front of his store. Lechinsky stated further that he was not referring to a group of people that were in front of his store on 08/31/2020, but a group from the week prior. I asked Lechinsky if he had made any observations about the group in front of his store on 08/31/2020 and he indicated that he never saw them because he was busy that day helping his daughter move and on that day and wasn't at his store.

Based on the documents reviewed and the video surveillance of the dispensary on this date, I was not able to identify any diversion of marijuana or other products containing THC to persons under the Age of 21 years old.

Based on the video surveillance of the dispensary on this date, I was not able to identify any Public Consumption of Marijuana violations

A check of the Sanctuary Security Log for 08/31/2020 revealed no entries in the log for this date.

Based on a review of the Sanctuary Medicinal's Business Plan submitted to the Town of Brookline's Licensing Review Committee, specifically page 50, Prevention and Diversion

“Furthermore, to prevent loitering and ensure that only individuals engaging in activity expressly or by necessary implication permitted by these regulations and its enabling statute are allowed to remain on premises. Sanctuary staff members will be trained to contact the police if they observe individuals, in person or on camera, loitering outside the premises, a group of younger people approaching the area of the premises but only one enters to purchase marijuana etc. Such observations would indicate the potential diversion of marijuana to persons less than 21 years of age. If such observations are made, staff members will notify the police officer on detail, or call the business line of the police department (617-730-2222) to investigate”

It appears that Security Staff failed to follow a policy outlined in the Business Plan, which technically could be a violation of the Host Community Agreement. At a minimum, Sanctuary needs to take steps to ensure that their Security Staff understand their duties and responsibilities which are outlined in the Business Plan. If the plan was adhered to and the police were called, this entire matter may have been resolved in a more timely fashion