Renaisha Pierre

The magistrate asked me what my purpose of objecting was.

I told the court that the loud noise from vehicles, the obscenities being used by patrons of the bar and the music that was being played in the bar all hours of the night and in the early hours of the morning when my family and I are trying to sleep was affecting us. I also stated that my sister is pregnant and she is almost due and both my parents are suffering from high blood pressure and that my father’s kidneys are failing and my parents need rest when the night comes. It is also difficult for me to study when there is excessive noise. I was also concerned about the bottles that patrons threw in the yard and the fights that occur because we are concern about our safety and health.

The lawyer ask me if I was sure that the bottles being thrown in our yard was form the patrons of Mumbai because it could have been from patrons of After Dark or other bars around my area.

I stated that it was from Mumbai because I can see the patrons leaving and when they threw the bottles.

The lawyer stated that the loud noise could have been from patrons leaving The Woods, After Dark Pub, including other bars.

I told him no, because my house is in full view of the bar and that I can see everything that is going on outside. I even stated that the patrons who park outside, when they are leaving to attend to their vehicles they make a lot of noise including playing loud music and revving of engines which awakes my family and I. I also made a comparison to other restaurants and bars stating that they play their music for their patrons only and that there are minimal use of obscene language and they close at a respectable time. Then why is he operating his restaurant and bar as if he has a dancehall because he has his patrons using obscenities and fighting, including the loud noise from vehicles and the loud music inside the bar.

The lawyer then asked if there was a lot of bush on my land so how can I see and hear what is going on.

I told him that I live in a shallow area next to Mumbai and the area in which the bush grows is a small portion of the land/driveway and that it is always clean and I grass doesn’t grow tall, so yes I can still see and hear what goes on.

A member of the panel asked me if I do not know about minding my own business (MOB). Because if I saw a killing taking place at the bar if I would testify?

I said yes as it was in clear view of my house from my window and I am Concerned about my safety.

The magistrate asked me what the hours of my school were.

I told her 8am-11am, 11am-2pm, 2pm -5pm and 5pm -8pm Monday – Sunday.

The magistrate asked if we can make a compromise.

I stated that I do not agree to a nightclub and if the restaurant and bar is to remain open the owner must have proper control of management and patrons and the loud noise. I also stated that the bar be closed at a respectable time as compared to other restaurant and bars, and then maybe we can come to an agreement.

Christiana Pierre

The magistrate asked me what were my concerns or objectives.

I spoke about the level of noise emanating from the restaurant and bar also from vehicles of patrons and patrons who use obscenities and violent activities in the night and early hours of the morning between 12 am to 5am which is very frustrating and ridiculous. I also informed the panel that I am pregnant and due within a month and I cannot have my newborn baby exposed to the loud music, obscene language and violent behavior.

I also told the committee about the car show that they had last year December which was overbearing as I could not sleep at all cause music was playing all up to 5am in the morning. I informed the panel that Mumbai operates like a nightclub instead of a restaurant and bar and I made a reference to how other restaurants and bar in Grande like Chinese Garden and Aarons operate, without the loud music, misconduct and the closing time of the business.

Besides the excessive music I spoke of the revving of the engines and car horn blowing early hours of the morning. I further stressed on the fact that I lack sleep and am disturbed by the poor management of the business. I also spoke of the bottles being broken in my yard by Mumbai patrons upon leaving the bar and men urinating in plain view from my home which is directly adjacent to Mumbai, which is why I am greatly affected by the noise.

I made note about the safety concerns for my family because of the violent behavior that takes place there and I further drew reference to the After Dark Club that has had criminal acts and I don’t want those acts surrounding my home because you don’t know if anybody could be scoping out the area and if any of the patrons there may be a potential threat.

A member of the panel asked me if I call the police about the noise and misconduct.

My response was that I didn’t call the police as police officers are there at Mumbai in plain clothes or in uniform on several occasions and I thought that management or security would intervene but I was incorrect and that I was skeptical of calling because I didn’t want any controversy.

A member of the panel then asked if I took any pictures.

I replied no, because I would have to use flash and everyone would see it coming from my window and I don’t want to draw attention to my home because it may draw negative attention and how patrons or the owner may react but I it comes to that I will and that’s why I am here today in objection of the license.

The lawyer asked me if I was sure the broken bottles being thrown in our yard was form the patrons Mumbai because there are other bars in our area such as After Dark and bars at Guaico junction and it could be form any one from those bars.

I told him I am certain it is the patrons of Mumbai because I hear when they are leaving the bar and see when they throwing the bottles.

The lawyer asked if they lower the music in the bar if it would be a compromise.

I responded that not only is the music from inside the bar a problem it’s the loud music coming from patrons vehicles as well as the revving of engines, cussing and fighting and honking of horns that are a major concern because the blast is directly adjacent to my window.

The magistrate asked me if there was any compromise.

I told the magistrate that there is no compromise to a nightclub and if the restaurant and bar was to remain in operation that proper management must be put in place in controlling the noise level and misconduct rapidly and to close the bar earlier.

**Wayne Pierre**

I told the Court of my ill health as I am suffering from high blood pressure and a kidney problem. My wife also suffers from high blood pressure. I told them of the excessive noise, loud music, obscene language, revving of vehicle engines and horn blowing all hours of the morning. I stated that I have a pregnant daughter. I further made note that there is also a school and two churches nearby.