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## **Court Orders Board-Up of East Cleveland's Club Dew Drop**

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(Cleveland) - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley announced that the County Prosecutor's Office, working in partnership with the East Cleveland Police, obtained a court order to board up Club Dew Drop on Euclid Avenue. The bar has long been a haven for illicit activity, including a deadly shooting on February 8. One person was killed and three others were seriously wounded in that incident.

A court order was signed based on information supplied by the Prosecutor's Office and East Cleveland Police. State law allows a County Prosecutor to bring an action in the name of the state "to abate the nuisance and to perpetually enjoin the person maintaining the nuisance from further maintaining it."

Among the relevant facts listed in the complaint:

- Footage from the February 8 shooting revealed the underage victims and assailants were served and drank alcoholic beverages;
- The February 8 shooting appears to be related to a shooting that occurred at the Club Dew Drop in October 2016, another gang related shooting;
- Since the February 8 shooting, police have received 23 calls for service to Club Dew Drop for mostly fights, assaults, criminal damaging;
- Numerous calls for gang activity, fights, large crowd gathering, narcotic sales, and shootings; and
- Issues routinely spill into the surrounding neighborhood after the bar closes.

A preliminary injunction hearing has been scheduled for March 10, 2017.

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