Illegal Massage Parlors

Prostitution Prospers in the Open

IMLA Code Enforcement Conference 1/ 20 to 1/22/08


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701 6th St., NW 2nd Fl.,
Washington, DC
Across from MCI Center Pk Lot
VIP
301-340-9125
966 Hungerford Dr. #7
Rockville, MD
Between entrance of Montgomery College
on 355, Townhouse Office Park
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OLYMPIC
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1936 9TH ST. NW • WASHINGTON, DC
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TYSON Therapy
571-633-9399
8472-D Tyco Rd. @ Tysons Corner
HWC
12504-D Lake Ridge Dr.,
Woodbridge, VA
703-643-1018
(The Back & Neck Treatment Center)
MIRAGE
617 K. ST., NW
Washington, DC
Open 7 days
10am-2am
Free Parking
202-962-0044
Rising Sun
Massage
7743 Belle Point Drive
Greenbelt, MD
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SUPRA SPA
202-775-1333
1333 Connecticut Ave NW, 4th Fl
Dupont
between Dupont Circle & N St
Open 10am-2am, 7 days a week
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Kinja
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13408 Occoquan Rd.
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202-291-0888
6400 Georgia Ave. N.W., DC
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BEST IN TOWN
524 10TH ST., NW
Between E & F
202-347-1020
OPEN 10 AM - 3 AM
LOCATED ON CORNER OF 10TH & F
DOWNTOWN
202-347-5080
1018 Vermont Ave. 4th Fl. (Nr. 15th St., btwn K & L)
Washington 10am-2am
Grand Opening
Soo-Goung Spa
Relaxing Private Workouts and Sauna
703-445-0200
17503 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
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~ Open 7 Days A Week • 10:30am-11:30pm ~
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Problem Brought to a Head

- Use of john's testimony in criminal cases of prosecution ineffective
- Convictions difficult
- Number of massage parlors increase and become emboldened
- Police create a flurry of controversy by using cooperator to enter massage establishments and pay for and receive sex
- Need for a better way

Community Uproar and Pressure

- Throughout the early 1990's there was an influx of massage parlors in the area
- Police received complaint and set up surveillance and did interviews of johns
- Criminal prosecutions proved difficult
- A task force was formed
- Legislation was passed and
- Enforcement efforts went forward on a team basis

The Legislation

Emergency Bill No. 18-01
Concerning: Massage Businesses - Licensing
Revised: 7-19-01 Draft No. 5
Introduced: May 15, 2001
Enacted: July 24, 2001
Executive: August 1, 2001
Effective: August 1, 2001
Sunset Date: None
Ch. 18, Laws of Mont. Co. 2001

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

AN EMERGENCY ACT to:

(1) require certain persons who do not hold a state massage therapists' certificate or massage practitioners' registration to obtain a County massage worker's license **[[**under certain circumstances**]]**;

(2) require certain businesses **[[**that provide massages and do not employ only state-certified massage therapists or registered massage practitioners**]]** to obtain a County license for a **[[**"**]]**massage establishment**[[**"**]]**, and require the manager of each massage establishment to obtain a manager's license; and

(3) generally regulate the practice of massage **[[**by people who are not state certified**]]** in the County to the extent it is not regulated by state law.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation
Section 24-11

Boldface	*Heading or defined term.*
Underlining	*Added to existing law by original bill.*
[Single boldface brackets]	*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*
Double underlining	*Added by amendment.*
[[Double boldface brackets]]	*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*
* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Licensing Requirements

- Needed to hold a valid state license or obtain a county license with more demanding requirements
- In order to operate a massage establishment you needed to license the establishment, you needed a licensed manager, anyone providing massage must have state license or county license and

And..

A massage worker licensed under this subsection must only massage persons of the worker's same gender

Briefing to County Executive Doug Duncan
Bill 18-01, Massage Businesses – Licensing
Tuesday, November 27, 2001
2:00 p.m.
CE Conference Room

Participants: Lynn Frank, Richard Helfrich, Mary Ann Hartnett, HHS; Lt. Nancy Demme, Sgt. Mike Ruscher, Cpl. John Sheridan, Police Department; Susan Scala-Demby, Mark Moran, DPS; Jim Savage, OCA; Bill Mooney

Agenda

1. Action to Date

2. Follow-up Action

3. Reinspecting, etc.

4. Any Shift in "Business Strategies" Noted

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UNIFORM MUNICIPAL INFRACTION/ CIVIL CITATION

3Z33472057

District Court of Maryland for MONTGOMERY COUNTY

MONTGOMERY

County/Municipality/State of Maryland vs. ZELENSKA ZENAYIDA Agency DPS

Defendant's (Last) Name ~~ZELENSKA~~ ~~BOND~~ First ~~ZENAYIDA~~ Middle ~~NELLY~~ NKM

Current Address in Full 7805 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD

City BETHESDA State MD Zip Code 20814

DOB Height Weight Sex Race Hair Eyes

Related Citations LIC # Z452 982 014 574 Telephone No. Day: Night:

It is formally charged that the above named defendant on MAY 8, 2002 at 11:55 A M at 7805 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD BETHESDA Location MONTGOMERY County, Maryland did Operate a Commercial Mussage establishment without a valid Use and Occupancy Certificate

This citation is based upon an affidavit of ..... (See attached.)

In violation of: ☐ Md. Ann. Code ☐ COMAR ☒ Municipal Ordinance/Public Local Law/Local Code

Document/Article 59 Section A Sub Section 321 Paragraph

I sign my name as a receipt of a copy of this Citation and not as an admission of guilt. I will comply with the requirements set forth in this Citation.

X Defendant's Signature Refused to sign copy given

Municipal Infractions

YOU MUST EITHER ELECT TO STAND TRIAL OR PAY A FINE.

NOTE: Failure to either pay the fine or request a trial date by the below mentioned date will deem you liable for the fine assessed, the fine may be doubled and a judgment on affidavit entered against you including an Order of Abatement.

OR If you request a trial date and then fail to appear in Court, the fine may be doubled and a judgment on affidavit may be entered against you.

YOU MAY PAY A FINE OF $500.00 BY JUNE 1, 2002 AT (Payment Location) COUNTY ATTORNEYS office 101 MONROE ST Rockville

THIS WILL BE DEEMED AN ADMISSION OF GUILT AND NO TRIAL DATE WILL BE SET. OR 20850

IF YOU ELECT TO STAND TRIAL, DO NOT FORWARD PAYMENT OF THE FINE, BUT YOU MUST NOTIFY IN WRITING COUNTY ATTORNEYS office by MAY 26, 2002 AND THE DISTRICT COURT WILL NOTIFY YOU OF A TRIAL DATE AND LOCATION.

☒ IN ADDITION, MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS SEEKING ABATEMENT OF THIS INFRACTION. YOU MAY BE ORDERED TO ABATE THIS INFRACTION OR BE ASSESSED THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT, AS WELL AS A FINE OF UP TO $1,000, PLUS COURT COSTS. FAILURE TO APPEAR SHALL RESULT IN JUDGMENT ON AFFIDAVIT.

All Code Violations

☐ **YOU MUST APPEAR IN COURT:** A court date will be sent to you by mail.

☐ **YOU MAY ELECT TO STAND TRIAL OR YOU MAY ELECT TO PAY A PRESET FINE OF** $..... to the District Court of Maryland at .....

and **AVOID TRIAL.** A court date will be sent to you by mail. Payment must be made on or before the scheduled trial date.

AFTER TRIAL the Court may impose a fine up to $..... plus court costs.

FAILURE TO APPEAR OR, IF PERMITTED, PAY THE PRESET FINE LISTED ABOVE, WILL RESULT IN A WARRANT BEING ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury, and upon personal knowledge or based on the affidavit, that the contents of this citation are true and that I am competent to testify on these matters. The defendant is not now in the military service, as defined in the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940 with amendments, nor has been in such service within thirty days hereof.

Officer's Signature MARK R. MORAN Date 5/8/02












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Surprise

- Zoning ordinance gave an additional means of enforcement- All commercial establishments must have a use and occupancy
- All uses are defined in the ordinance, prostitution is not a delineated use
- Illegal massage establishments are not listed
- No dwelling unit can be lawful in a commercial establishment






CALIFORNIA
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749 S GRAMERCY PL APT 206
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DOB:02-20-52
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Montgomery County Government

Department of Environmental Protection

101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 251-2630

Certificate of Use and Occupancy

Date February 13, 1986 Certificate No. 20963

This certifies that the building located at 16069 Frederick Road

Rockville, Suite No. _____ Name /Use: Fishing & Archery Supplies

has applied for a certificate of use and occupancy under the provisions of the Montgomery County Building Code. The use for each floor, or part thereof, the live load (p.s.f.) and the fire grading must be as follows:

Floor	Use Group Class	Minimum Live Load	Fire Grading	Conditions
conc	M	125	3 hr	

This certificate applies to the above described premises (and none other) and is valid until the permitted use changes, regardless of ownership. Changes in the use requires recertification of the building pursuant to Building Code.

John L. Menke

Director

GLOVER PARK PROSTITUTION STING

Police Close Massage Parlor

By CLARENCE WILLIAMS
Washington Post Staff Writer

D.C. police yesterday shut down what many Glover Park residents considered a longtime nuisance: a massage parlor that authorities said was operating as a house of prostitution.

Investigators raided the Venus Spa at 2352 Wisconsin Ave. NW about 4 p.m. after an undercover officer who entered it was solicited for prostitution, officials said.

"We went in, and it was just a . . . brothel — a front for prostitution," said Mark Gilkey, the lead detective of the citywide prostitution unit.

Police arrested three women, including Sun Pyong, 59, of New Jersey, who was charged with operating a house of prostitution, a felony. Authorities also charged Lian Shu Cui, 35, of Virginia with solicitation for lewd and immoral purposes and Son Bongsok, 45, also of Virginia, with giving a massage without a license.

Gilkey said the raid is one of about 25 the unit has carried out this year. Police conducted it with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, which will challenge the licensing of the business, he said.

As police observed the operation yesterday, the establishment was so busy that investigators had a difficult time getting an appointment, Gilkey said.

Police targeted the business, which also advertised under the name Young's Spa, after residents complained to D.C. police officials and D.C. Council member Mary M. Che (D-Ward 3).

Neighborhood leaders welcomed the raid and arrests after years of trying to get the operation, which is in the heart of the commercial district of the Northwest community, shut down.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission member Melissa Lane said that for about five of the six years she has served, her constituents were concerned about who was coming into their neighborhood and whether the business was involved with slave labor or other human rights abuses.

"This has been a perpetual issue for a long time. The community is happy that police were finally able to get in there," Lane said.

Jackie Blumenthal, president of the Glover Park Citizens Association, said an "unsavory element" was brought into the area, where families go for ice cream cones, shop at Whole Foods and dine at restaurants.

"Glover Park is an extremely family friendly neighborhood, and the commercial strip is the center of our life," Blumenthal said. "I think people were concerned about who else was walking those street with us."

Spa owner charged with prostitution

by Sean Sedam
Staff Writer

A Gaithersburg woman has been charged with bribery and prostitution after a police investigation of the Rockville business she owns.

Pok Sun Allred, 41, of West Deer Park Road in Gaithersburg, was arrested Aug. 19 and charged with three counts of bribing a public employee, one count of prostitution and one count of misrepresenting a massage therapist before being released on bond, according to a police press release.

The charges stem from an Aug. 15 incident at Shady Grove Gym and Spa, 16069 Frederick Road in Rockville, the release said.

They are the result of a three-month police investigation into the business that was sparked by a tip from a confidential source, said Officer Joyce Utter, a police spokeswoman.

During the investigation, Allred allegedly made several cash payments to an undercover officer. She was seeking advance notice of police action against her business, according to the release.

This is the second arrest for prostitution at Shady Grove Gym and Spa. On Jan. 14, police arrested Bok Duk Park, 37, who lived with Allred in Gaithersburg, and charged her with prostitution.

Bribing a public employee is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 12 years in jail and up to a $5,000 fine. Prostitution is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and up to a $500 fine. Misrepresenting a massage therapist is punishable by up to a year in jail and up to a $5,000 fine.

Police have conducted unannounced inspections of businesses that are suspected fronts for prostitution since August 2001 when the county announced a new program for licensing massage therapists. That announcement came after a number of downcounty massage parlors were busted for prostitution.

"That particular Shady Grove Gym and Spa had been identified as one of our businesses of concern," said Lucille Baur, a police spokeswoman. "Primarily these [tips] come from citizens in the community that see people coming to the business at all times of the day and night."

Investigators are also occasionally able to break up massage parlors that are fronts for prostitution after discovering its employees are not properly licensed, she said.

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