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Downtown Club Shuttered After Two Shootings In 17 Days

License Revocation Proceedings Not Needed After Landlord Terminates Lease

Private X club, 530 N. Water St., where police say two men were shot early Saturday, is closed after the landlord terminated a lease agreement, Ald. Bob Bauman said today.

Ald. Bauman, whose 4th Aldermanic District includes the building where the club was located, said pressure he exerted with help from City Attorney Grant Langley and his office and Milwaukee police sealed the fate of the newly-opened but troubled dance club. "There was active and extensive negotiations between myself, the City Attorney and (1st District Police) Captain Michael Massa with the property owner and that led to the termination of the lease agreement," the alderman said. "Captain Massa and City Attorney Grant Langley were vital and deserve credit in turning the lights out at Private X."

"The quick, proactive approach used by the city in this instance was effective and responsible, and it sends a message that we simply will not tolerate businesses that literally threaten the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and our neighborhoods," he said.

Police records show two men received non-fatal gunshot wounds when they were shot outside Private X at about 1:15 a.m. Saturday (January 12) after a fight involving eight to 10 men had broken out inside the club. One of the victims – a 32-year-old – was shot four times; the other man, 25, was shot once in the hand.

Ald. Bauman said the club's first shooting occurred during a private party at about 2:10 a.m. on December 26, 2007. During that incident, police say someone fired several shots outside the club, but no victims were located.

The club's registered agents – Izaylah R. Collins and Brandi M. Vaughn, both of Milwaukee – were cited after neither was on the premises (as required by law) when police investigated the January 12 shooting.