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LIQUOR AUTHORITY SUSPENDS TRYST'S LICENSE TO SERVE

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There will be no liquor served at Cheektowaga strip club Tryst for the time being.

The New York State Liquor Authority suspended the club's license Wednesday, citing a pattern of violence and illegal activities.

The Aero Drive establishment opened in February but Cheektowaga Police have hired additional officers for overtime shifts "to alleviate the strain that the licensed premises and its patrons" placed on the department, the liquor authority says.

Among the incidents reported at the club:

- Six patrons were arrested November 26 when the club hosted an after-hours party organized by three promoters and fights broke out in the parking lot
- One woman was seen "tasing" patrons November 27 and, along with a companion, was arrested for possession of illegal substances
- Four weapons-related incidents were reported between October 29 and 31
- Five people were arrested after someone fired a gun in the club's parking lot July 2. The suspect drove away and another vehicle tried to escape police despite a blockade established to find the shooter

In total, there have been 77 calls to Tryst between February 12 and October 31, including 27 calls for disturbances or fights. The club opened February 8.

The liquor authority says the club can request an expedited administrative law hearing to review the suspension in the hopes of overturning it.

A request for comment from Tryst was not immediately answered.



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