

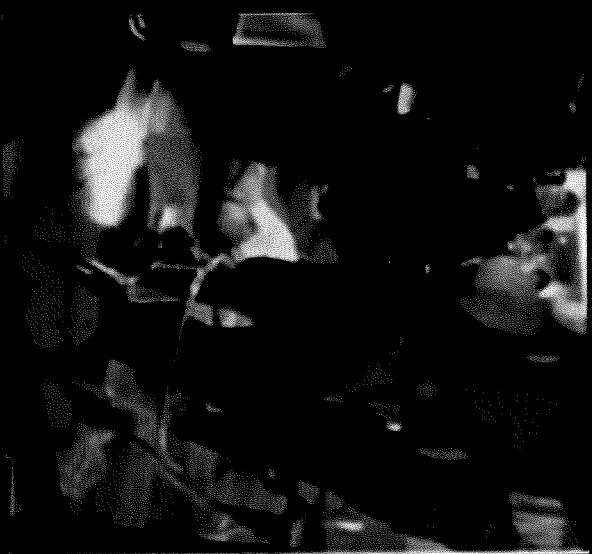
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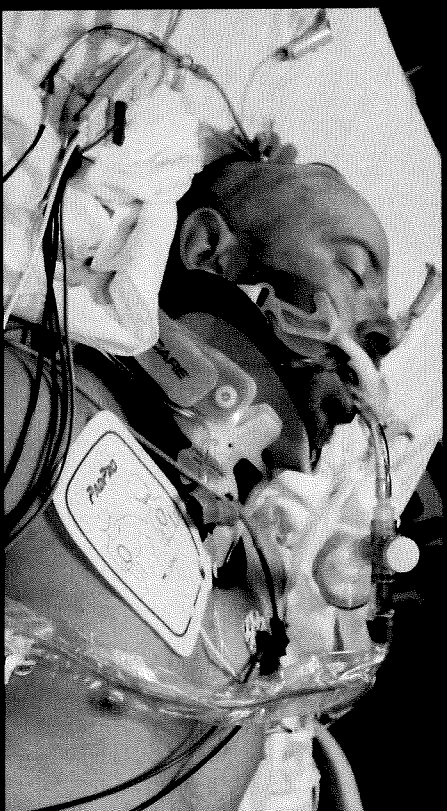
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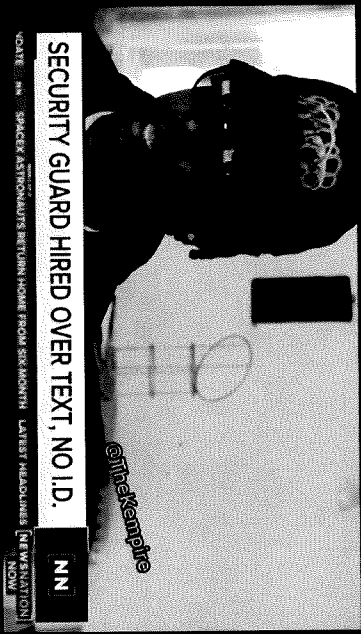
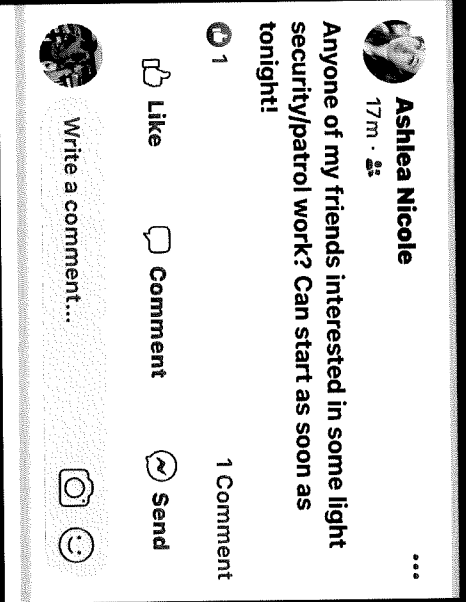
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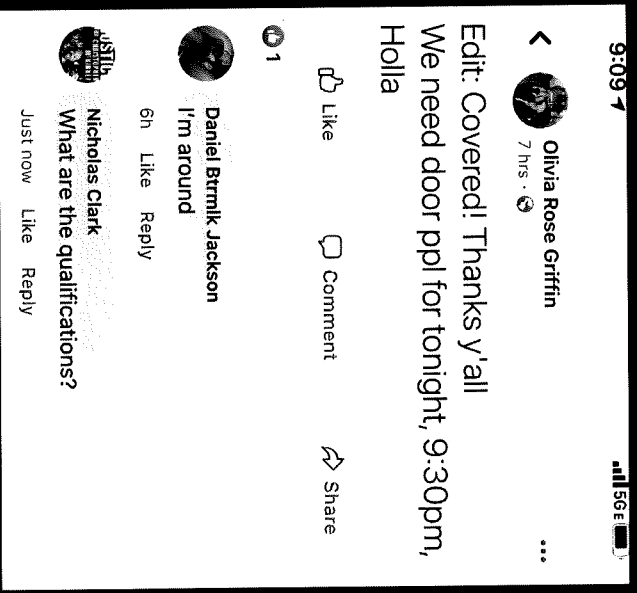
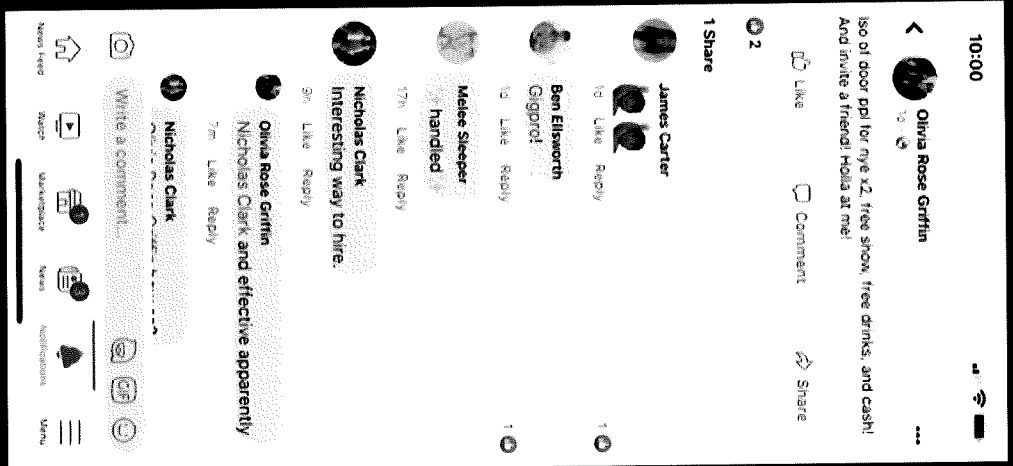


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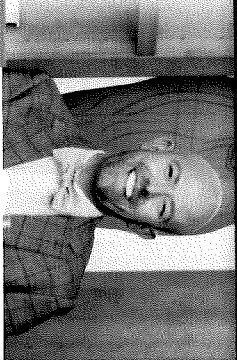
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# CHRISTOPHER'S LAW

## SUPPORT CHRISTOPHER'S LAW

A BIPARTISAN SUPPORTED EFFORT



**Christopher McDermey**, 35, of Louisville, KY was murdered by a bouncer at Nowhere Bar in Louisville on January 5, 2020. Christopher's Law would require bouncers who work security at nightclubs or bars to be trained in de-escalation tactics, interpersonal communication, threat mitigation, etc. No training requirements currently exist. Just like our military, police force, firefighters, etc. are trained to keep us safe, so should bouncers/security who are hired by word of mouth and physical stature to keep us safe in an alcohol/drink environment. Going to a bar should not warrant a death sentence!

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### Christopher's Law includes the following:

- 1.) Standardized bouncer application
  - a. Optional disclosure of an applicant's criminal history
  - b. Prior work experience
  - c. Any previous workplace incidents
- 2.) Bouncer training and certification program
  - a. ABC shall develop and establish minimum criteria for a bouncer training program
  - b. Separate curriculum for law enforcement officers who are employed by a bar
  - c. Training program offered six times per calendar year
  - d. Certifications expire after 3 years
  - e. Can revoke, cancel or suspend a bouncer's certificate should they have been involved in any serious incident
  - f. In person or online instruction
  - g. Training will include interpersonal communication techniques, de-escalation techniques, physical maneuvers that involve minor repetitive physical force and poses that risk of bodily harm, verbal communication techniques, personal mental health evaluation techniques/interpersonal communication techniques.
- 3.) Bouncer incident report log
  - a. Will document reports of bouncer misconduct, serious physical injury or consistent inappropriate physical contact
  - b. Names of injured party, business and bouncer date of incident, nature of incident, any legal action brought against business or bouncer, outcome of incident when made available, additional training for involved bouncer
- 4.) Law enforcement acting as Bouncers off duty
  - a. Law enforcement officers, who are acting as an off-duty bouncer may not participate in the investigation of a homicide or serious physical incident, to add in unbiased investigation.
- 5.) Prohibiting bouncers to consume alcohol or be under the influence of any illegal substance

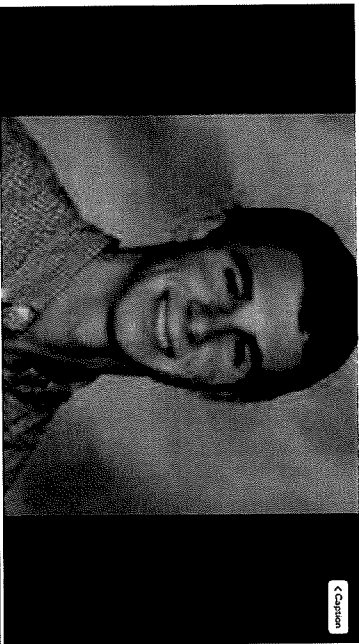
# MICHAEL'S LAW - GEORGIA

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### Bouncer gets 20 years in beating that killed Georgia Southern student



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#### NEWS

### Michael's Law aimed at enforcing alcohol rules in Georgia

**BILL HENDRICK |** The Associated Press

Published 10:08 a.m. ET May 17, 2016

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ATLANTA - Gov. Nathan Deal has signed a bill, now called "Michael's Law," that seeks to crack down on enforcement of underage drinking laws.

The seed for the bill was planted last summer when 48-year-old Michael S. Gatto of Cumming, dropped off his 18-year-old son Michael J. Gatto at a dorm in Statesboro for his freshman year at Georgia Southern University.

Two weeks later, Grant J. Spencer of the young Gatto was dead, the victim of an assault in a non-defunct bar.

The man accused of assaulting him is Grant J. Spence of Johns Creek. He is in jail without bond, charged with felony murder, and could face a long prison sentence.

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# DALLAS'S LAW - TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE POLITICS

## Dallas' Law signed by Gov. Lee, requiring background checks, training for security guards

By: [Allie Lynch](#)  
Posted: Jun 1, 2022 - 10:16 PM CDT  
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GOVERNOR SIGNS DALLAS' LAW  
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LOCAL

### Police: All seven men indicted in death of Lower Broadway bar patron turn themselves in



**Melissa Brown**  
Nashville Tennessean

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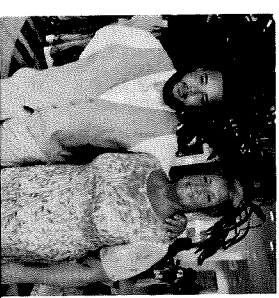
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The seven men indicted in the death of Dallas Jordan Barrett, who died at the Lower Broadway Whiskey Row bar, have turned themselves in, Nashville police said.

Barrett died on Aug. 16 of asphyxiation after an altercation with security staff. He was 22.

Six of the men facing reckless homicide and aggravated assault charges were



# BOUNCER ABUSE CASES

## Girlfriend of Man Killed by Bouncer Cries as She Listens to 911 Tape During Trial's Opening Statements

Derrick Belser, 40, is accused of involuntary manslaughter in the death of 27-year-old Mark Girard Jr., after they got into a fight outside a bar in Oceanside on Dec. 28, 2014.

### NEWS

**Man taken off life support after being placed in chokehold by bouncers**

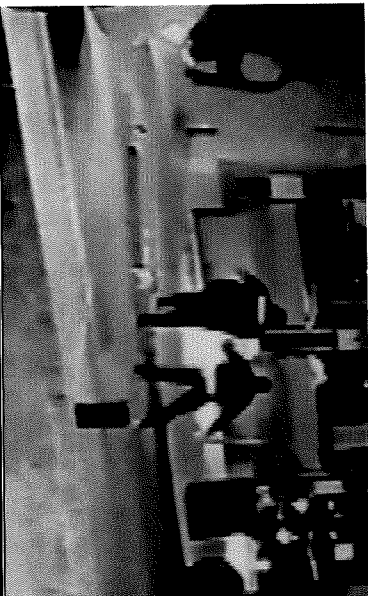
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Updated: Mar 15, 2016 / 05:22 PM MDT

## Boston bouncer accused of killing Marine also joined in attack at another bar, prosecutors say



## Bouncer accused of punching, killing DC man outside Philly gay bar turns himself in

41-year-old Eric Pope died outside the Tabu Bar & Lounge in Philly after being punched by bouncer Kenneth Fye. surveillance video shows.



## BARBARI: Horrifying photo shows dying Brit dad who was 'beaten and knelt on by eight bouncers & cops' at Magaluf nightclub

Anthony Blair  
2:16, 3 Aug 2022 | Updated: 1:33, 4 Aug 2022

## San Marcos bouncer wanted for manslaughter after man dies following altercation outside bar, report says

Emmett Worsham died after incident at Red Room Lounge on Dec. 12



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NORTH CAROLINA

## 'Tragic loss': 19-year-old shot and killed at a bar, NC cops say. Bouncer charged

BY SHARON ALLEN  
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## Bouncer jailed in bar patron's death

By Sydney Winkler  
San Diego Union-Tribune • June 19, 2015 at 1:22 pm



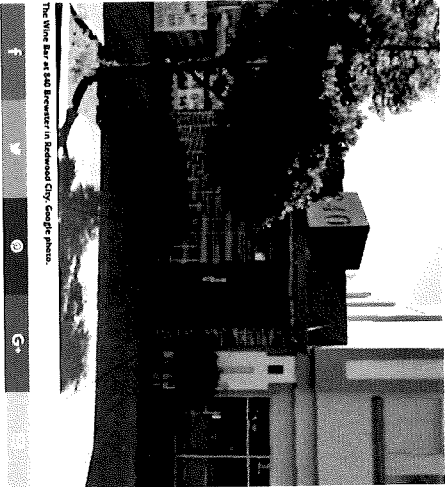
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OCEANSIDE — A 27-year-old man who hit his head on the ground after a bouncer removed him from an Oceanside bar in December died of his injuries, police said, and the bouncer was arrested in the man's death.

## Wine bar bouncer arrested after assault

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The Wine Bar at 540 Brewster in Redwood City. Google photo.

Police say the death of a man assaulted two weeks ago, allegedly by a security guard at a Redwood City wine bar, wasn't caused by the beating he suffered there. Redwood City police have not yet released the name of the victim or when he died.



BREKING NEWS  
BOUNCER FIRED AFTER DRAGGING WOMAN DOWN  
STAIRS AT NELLE'S SPORTS BAR  
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## LOCAL NEWS

# Bouncer at Noho Topless Bar Charged With Murder in Death of Man Punched, Fatally Struck by Vehicle

By [Melissa Palmer](#), [Mary Beth McDade](#)  
Posted: Dec 18, 2016 4:29 PM PST  
Updated: Dec 19, 2016 11:41 AM PST

## Bouncer arrested for death of Palo Alto man outside bar

by [Sue Dremann](#) / Palo Alto Weekly

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A 28-year-old bouncer at a San Jose bar was arrested on Friday for the death of a Palo Alto man he allegedly punched after an argument, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office.

Jose Bonilla Rodas, of East Palo Alto, will be charged with involuntary manslaughter for the death of Daniel Adam Esquivel, 24, according to San Jose police. Rodas was arrested without incident in South San Francisco at 5:45 p.m. on June 5.



# LEGISLATION IN OTHER STATES

## New York

### NEWS IMETTE LAWIS PASSED - LICENSING BOUNCERS



By Stephanie Gasbell

August 17, 2006 | 4:00am

Cubs and bars must hire only licensed bouncers under a new measure passed by the City Council yesterday in the wake of the slaying of Imette St. Guillen

The 24-year-old grad student was killed in March, allegedly by an unlicensed bouncer at a SoHo bar.

"When somebody goes to a club and sees a bouncer, that sends them a message of safety," said council Speaker Christine Quinn.

## California

### New regulations for bouncers in California clubs

By ABC7

Friday, July 22, 2011

FRESNO, Calif.

The law requires bouncers to take at least 16 hours of training before they begin work security in a night club. Club officials and legal experts tell Action News the most important thing for bouncers to learn is their legal parameters of what they can and cannot do on the job.

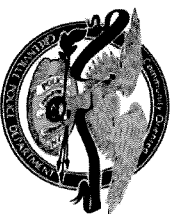
## Greenville, NC

### Training for Security Personnel

Ordinance 09-98

Ordinance 13-021

The City of Greenville has adopted an ordinance to establish safety regulations for public or private clubs. The ordinance became effective May 1, 2010. It was amended May 9, 2013.



## Widow of Valley firefighter introduces 'Luke's Law'

Published July 27, 2017 | Aara Roman's Reports | FOX 10 Phoenix

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