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Felt nightclub facing suspensions

Owners allegedly did not report two assaults

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A popular downtown nightclub has been cited for failing to notify police or medical personnel about two alleged assaults that occurred there in the past three months.

Felt Boston, located in the Theater District, can appeal separate two-day suspensions from the city's licensing board.

The club's general manager declined to comment yesterday on whether the business plans to appeal or when it would serve the suspensions if it chose not to appeal.

Police said the first incident occurred Aug. 15, after the Washington Street club had closed. A female bartender began arguing about a cellphone charger with a man she had been dating and the man allegedly slammed the bartender's head on a table, giving her a concussion and causing her head to bleed.

A manager at the bar gave the woman two shots of alcohol and a wet towel before taking her to a nearby hospital, the police report said. The manager told the bartender to explain that her injuries had occurred because "she had fallen down and hit her head" behind the bar, it said.

On June 12, a female patron was walking down a flight of stairs at the club with her friends. After a brief exchange with three women walking behind her, the patron was attacked by the women. The women punched her in the face, knocked her to the ground, stole her purse and cellphone, and tried to take her shoes, according to a police report.

The victim told police that when she reported the incident to the club's bouncers they simply told her to go home. When she reported the incident to police, the woman had a severely swollen left cheek, a small scratch on her face, a swollen left hand, and a bruised left arm, according to the police report.

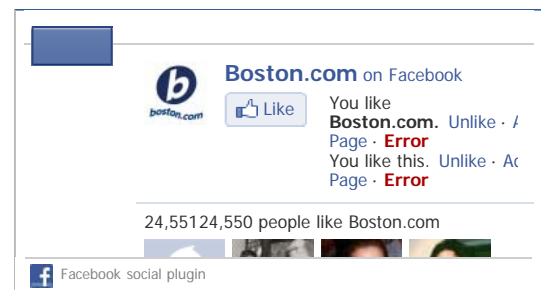
In the August incident, the licensing board also cited the club for allegedly serving alcohol after the 2 a.m. closing hour.

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