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**Thursday night** was far from the first time that city officials have found code violations at The Greatest Bar.

The popular sports bar and nightclub has been cited for dozens of infractions over the past 21 months, including for bar patrons being overserved and injuring themselves, illegal bottle service, excessive noise, fights and

assaults, robberies and even two stabbings, according to city records.

Among the more alarming incidents:

There were two reports in April of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and one of those incidents led to injuries and an arrest.

On Dec. 6, 2014, a 20-person brawl broke out inside the bar, and witnesses reported at least one person was swinging a bottle in the air, city records show.



## Document: Thursday's violations

City document details the violations found Thursday night at the Boston bar, which has been identified by as a "problem property."

That incident came less than a week after seven to eight people were reported fighting outside the venue, which is located at 262 Friend St., near North Station and the TD Garden.

On Nov. 1, 2014, one bargoer was reportedly threatening to shoot people there.

On Oct. 25, 2014, a stabbing was reported at the bar; the same night a man reported he and his friends were assaulted by a bouncer.

On May 22, 2014, a police officer inside the bar was assaulted, and the bar was cited for overserving customers.

And on Jan. 18, 2014, a customer reportedly stabbed an employee inside the bar.

The Greatest Bar has also been cited in recent years by state officials.

Twice in the spring of 2012, the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission found the bar responsible for violations, but in both cases let the bar off with what amounted to warnings.

But after the bar was cited again — for reportedly serving two visibly drunk patrons on New Year's Eve of 2013 — the commission ordered the bar to serve an eight-day suspension.

On Thursday night, city inspectors descended on the bar as part of a crackdown on the so-called “problem property.”

Officials flagged a number of health and safety deficiencies, arguing that The Greatest Bar's growing list of violations had become particularly troublesome.

The bar's owner, Julie Fairweather, said Friday that she was working to correct problems and address the city's concerns, but said city officials had not previously notified her of problems they had found. City officials disputed that, saying they had been unable to get in touch with ownership of the bar for several months.

Still, city officials said Friday that they were satisfied with the establishment's progress in addressing health and safety concerns and that the bar will be allowed to remain open in advance of another inspection Saturday afternoon.

“We will be ready to work with the City again tomorrow — and moving forward from this point on — to continue making progress in addressing any concerns that they might have,” Fairweather said in another statement.

## Recent violations at The Greatest Bar

Date	Incident
6/7/15	Unarmed robbery
4/26/15	Assault and battery with a dangerous weapon
4/5/15	Assault and battery
4/5/05	Assault and battery with a dangerous weapon w. injuries, arrest made
2/1/15	Female patron over-served, injured in fall
1/5/15	Patron on employee assault and battery
12/28/14	Disturbance inside, female patron assaulting bouncer

12/19/14	Illegal table side bottle service and cover charge not posted
12/6/14	Call for 20 people fighting inside, witnesses stated large affray inside club, one person swinging a bottle
11/30/14	Call for fight outside club, 7-8 fighting
11/2/14	Call for male and female fighting outside
11/1/14	Call for patron making threats to shoot people
10/29/14	Call for homeless disturbing patrons
10/25/14	Call for person stabbed, arrest made
10/25/14	Call from man who says he and his friends were assaulted by the bouncer - no EMS needed
10/25/14	Call for removal of two to three males refusing to leave the bar and threatening staff
10/21/14	Group of males trying to fight bouncers
10/9/14	Larceny inside premise
9/21/14	Detail officer radioed for EMS to assist injured parties after a fight, EMS was eventually cancelled
9/14/14	911 call for the removal of two homeless males
8/9/14	Amplified music/noise violation, entertainment license violation (open doors & windows w/ live entertainment)
7/25/14	Assault and battery inside club - patron on employee, employee on patron
5/22/14	Assault and battery of a police officer inside bar, over serving
4/30/14	Employee on patron assault and battery
3/17/14	Sick assist, patron injured after fall, over served
3/2/14	Victim had verbal altercation inside bar, was attacked outside - patron on patron assault and battery
1/18/14	Stabbing inside bar - patron on employee (knife)
1/6/14	Assault and battery inside patron on patron, failure to notify police, failure to maintain proper door count
1/5/14	Assault and battery inside, patron on patron
10/5/13	Assault and battery outside club, patron on patron

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