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## MEMORANDUM

Memo# 19-023

**TO** Interim Chief Musselman

**FROM** Sgt. Collin Seay

**DATE** April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**REF** LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – SERIES 7 OWNER TRANSFER-  
FOR “Hops on Birch”

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On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, I initiated a liquor license investigation for a Series 7 (#07030069) owner transfer for Hops on Birch at 22 E. Birch Ave. Justin Evans (Agent and Controlling Person), George Dorsey (Controlling Person), and Ian Dinno (Controlling Person) are the new applicants for the Series 7 License, and they purchased the business and license from previous owner Kyle Merritt. I contacted Justin over the phone, and he advised the business model for Hops on Birch would remain the same as the previous owner, and they would sell beer and wine from 12 pm to 2 am daily. Justin advised he has been operating Hops on Birch with an interim liquor license (#INP03000567) for the past two weeks awaiting approval to take over the Series 7 license.

I did a public records search through local databases for Justin, George and Ian, and I did not find any records of concern. Justin advised me he currently owns a Series 7 license (#07070558) in Phoenix for a business named The Wandering Tortoise. I located two liquor violations that occurred on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 against this Phoenix business for failure to request ID from an underage buyer (4-241.A) and sell, give, furnish an underage person with alcohol (4-244.9). The fines for these violations are listed as paid, and Justin advised me he was not present during the violation but has since resolved the issue with his employees.

I did not locate any violations for Hops on Birch under the previous ownership or while possessing the interim permit. Justin advised he has completed the mandatory liquor courses required by Arizona Department of Liquor. He advised he would also be present at the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 City Council meeting.