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## MEMORANDUM

20-003

**TO** Chief Kevin Treadway

**FROM** Sgt. Collin Seay

**DATE** January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**REF** Liquor License Application for Black Hat Distilling – Craft Distillery Series 18

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On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 I initiated an investigation into an application for a new Series 18 (Craft Distiller) liquor license for Black Hat Distilling. The application was filed by Chad Cook (Agent and Controlling Person), Robert Markey, and Zachary Ellman (Controlling Persons). Black Hat Distilling is located at 1311 E Butler Avenue #B in Flagstaff. This is an application for a new license #18086219. This same group applied for a Series 18 license in 2017 for Black Hat Distilling, and they were granted the license for the 113 E Phoenix Ave location. Cook advised me over the phone the old location never opened due to issues with the previous building, and they are looking to run the same craft distillery at the new location with a new Series 18 license.

A query through local systems and public access on Robert Markey, Chad Cook and Zachary Ellman showed no derogatory records in the last five years. I could not locate any liquor law violations for any of the applicants through the Arizona Department of Liquor. Robert Markey, Chad Cook and Zachary Ellman Douglas have completed the mandatory liquor law training course and provided proof. I did not locate any liquor violations against the previous Series 18 license possessed by this group.

I spoke with Cook about the business plan. Cook said they would be producing vodka in the beginning for self-distribution and possibly move into bourbon and whiskey. Cook stated the site would be for distilling, bottling and storage only and will not be open to the public for tasting or sampling. Cook said their hours of operation would be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Cook advised he would attend the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 City Council meeting.