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### **COMMISSIONER MARC SARNOFF CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS**

*-Witnesses Court Hearing about Terrible DUI Accident in Coconut Grove-*

**(Miami, FL.)**— City of Miami Commissioner Marc Sarnoff continues to advocate for the safety of neighborhoods in District 2 and as part of his efforts to fight crime in the area, attended Judge Israel Reyes Circuit Court Criminal Division hearings on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

The case that was heard on that day provided further justification for an ordinance introduced by Commissioner Sarnoff and passed by the commission earlier this year prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Coconut Grove Central Commercial District after 3am.

“The death of Crystal Liquori and possibly other underage young adults cements the logic of this Club's inevitable closure,” said Commissioner Sarnoff. “This terrible incident is just one reason why there should be restrictions placed on other Grove operators to cease serving alcohol past 3 a.m.”

The following is a summary of the proceedings that took place that day:

That day, by mere coincidence, Judge Reyes was hearing Defendant Kenneth Orozco's Motion for the court to consider mitigating circumstances and other mitigating factors prior to sentencing [the defendant in the State of Florida versus Orozco, then age 20] a copy attached. On June 3, 2006 Kenneth Orozco, and his friend Crystal Liquori (then age 16) were imbibing alcohol in Coconut Grove at Visions Night Club. The two left the Club at 4:21 in the morning when Orozco failed to stop at a flashing red light, his car was broadsided by a hit and run driver. Crystal was pronounced dead at the scene. Orozco had a blood alcohol level of .107/100 ml. and was legally above the blood alcohol level to operate a motor vehicle and was charged with Vehicular Manslaughter. Judge Reyes sentenced Orozco to 3.5 years of

State time provided he turn himself in to the State within the two week agreed time frame.

Crystal's mother, doing her best to hold back her tears, was there to watch the sentencing and stated her daughter was there at her side with her mom clutching her picture. The Courtroom was silent when Orozco admitted to being served alcohol in Club Visions despite being underage. As part of Orozco's motion he alleged:

[Orozco] had conversations with ABT agent Darren Covan regarding possible cooperation from Kenneth Orozco. The Agent was investigating the Club [Visions] serving alcohol to minors and other violations...The State of Florida did not pursue this investigation.

Among his accomplishments in the fight against D.U.I, Commissioner Sarnoff recently authored a resolution to the Florida State Legislature supporting House Bill 369 "Driving Under the Influence" and its companion Senate Bill 456 "Ignition Interlock Device/DUI". In addition, on Thursday, April 17, 2008 Commissioner Sarnoff was honored by Mother Against Drunk Driving (MADD) at the Rusty Pelican.

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