

Interview Questions for Licensed Establishment in a SIP investigation

Sample questions for servers, managers, and owners at an on-premise establishment where the visibly intoxicated patron was allegedly served

- Approximately what time did the patron arrive at the establishment?
- Did the patron appear to have been drinking prior to arriving at the establishment?
- Did the patron come alone? If not, who was with the patron?
- What kind of alcoholic beverages were purchased, i.e. beer, wine, distilled spirits?
- What brand of alcoholic beverage was served to the patron?
- If a mixed drink or cocktail was served what was the name of the cocktail?
 - Ask if they know what ingredients go into making the cocktail.
- How much was sold or served of each type of alcoholic beverage to the patron?
- Who served the alcoholic beverages to the patron involved?
 - Bartender?
 - Waitress?
- How much was consumed by the persons involved?
- Did the patron purchase his/her own drinks or were some or all purchased for them?
- How were the alcoholic beverages purchased?
 - Was a debit card or credit card used? (*Do they have a copy of the transaction?*)
 - Was a tab run? (*Do they have a copy of the tab depicting the items ordered?*)
 - Who paid for the purchase?
 - Was the patron “cut-off” from being served more alcoholic beverages?
- What was the demeanor of the patron?
 - Did they appear intoxicated?
 - How was the patron acting or engaging with others, e.g. were they loud, obnoxious, happy, sad, melancholy, sleepy?
 - What was their appearance like, e.g. did they have droopy eyes, disheveled clothes, slurred speech, unsteady gait or balance?
 - Did their behavior or appearance change over the time they were in the establishment?
 - Did the patron say anything to indicate their level of intoxication, e.g. “I am so wasted?”
- When did the patron leave the establishment?
 - Where did you go?
 - Was assistance offered to the patron to get them home safely? If yes, what type of assistance? Was it given?
- Do you have surveillance video? If so, may we have a copy please?