

# Case File #201501-20

## LOCATION: THE SODA JERK SPEAKEASY BAR

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**Lead Investigator:** Dr. Edmond Smythe, Parapsychologist.

**Investigators:** Dr. Alec Baldwin (Medical Doctor), Alexei Rasputin (Firewalker), Simon Vincent (Medium), Lucille Madireaux (Healer) and Paul Radd (Psi-Mechanic).

**Origin:** New owner (Camden Jones) of **The Soda Jerk Speakeasy Bar** contacted the Lazlo Society via the website. Per my interview with him, paranormal activities experienced at the location included hearing voices (female voices in particular), phantom smells (alcohol, cigars, cigarettes, food, etc.), cold spots, rapping's and knockings, electrical disturbances and doors opening & closing by themselves.

**Location Information:** Site is a re-purposed speakeasy-themed bar dating from the 1920's. The store front was originally called **The Sweet Shoppe**. It was a legitimate sweet shop that offered candies, fountain drinks, ice cream and other goodies. In the back of the shop was a privacy wall and attached door that created a phone nook to have private telephone conversations. But the phone was always out of order.

Instead, when you picked up the receiver and rolled the crank to reach the operator, someone would pick up and recite a sentence (for example: "the sun is shining...". The caller needed a specific statement to finish the sentence ("...but the ice is slippery"). If you were wrong, they hung up and that was it. If you were right, the secret door in the back wall would open, leading to a small room with armed guards, who would check you for weapons, take your coat and then let you through the next door that lead into the speakeasy itself.

This speakeasy and its sweet shop front were in business until the end of prohibition, afterwards it was all mothballed and forgotten about or used for storage by various building owners over the decades. When Camden heard about a shop and speakeasy in a neighborhood that's been undergoing revitalization, he leased the store front and the speakeasy space; refurbishing, repairing and keeping as much of the original location and its belongings as intact as possible.

In essence he wants to capture the mystique and excitement of the speakeasy atmosphere. Even the old phone nook, the antique crank phone, the secret wall and way to the speakeasy is still intact. The store front, now under the trendier title of **The Soda Jerk**, is a fully operating legitimate sweet shop during normal business hours.

**Investigator impression of Owner:** "Camden seemed sincere during our interview, if not over eager to see what we might discover. I sense that he may use a "haunted bar" angle for advertising purposes". Treated as a potential "hoax for attention" case.

**Note:** See **Research Form** for location history and information elsewhere.

# The Investigation

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## Physical Condition of Location

**Rating Key:** 1: Very Much 2: Somewhat 3: Average 4: Not Much 5: Not at All

**Does the overall condition of the location appear to be in good repair?** 1

Note: despite the decades of neglect, at about 80% completed, the repair and renovation work in the location was already remarkable.

**Any of the following conditions apparent in the area being investigated?**

**Drafty Windows:** 4

**Creaky/Unstable Floors:** 3

**Noisy Pipes/Vents:** 3

## Investigator Observations

**Changes in Temperature:** 4

**Apparitions:** 2

**Sensation of Being watched:** 2

**Sudden Mood Changes:** 4

**Discarnate Voices:** 2

**Electrical Problems:** 3

**Disappearing Objects:** 5

**Psychic Impressions:** 2

(see **Documentation of Paranormal Events Form** for specific events)

## Results of the investigation

**Any signs of tampering or dishonesty:** no.

Photographic, recorded, or other evidence? Yes. (see documentation elsewhere).

**Conclusion of Investigation:** Minor Paranormal Activity was witnessed by investigators.

Documentation of investigation was given to the owner.

## Lazlo Agency File Notes:

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All the paranormal activity experienced during this investigation was due to several **Haunting Entities** and at least one **Harmful Ghost**.

The **Haunting Entities** seemed obsessed with hiding from a man named "Julian".

The experienced paranormal events surrounding them were all indirect affects of their fears and haunted memories within the speakeasy. It's likely the Haunting Entities were picking up on the psychic impressions of some of the prostitutes that were employed (and murdered) at that speakeasy. The **Harmful Ghost** we encountered in the basement was also likely the extremely angered psychic impressions of a murdered prostitute, or possibly a madam.

The basement was where the strongest and most dangerous activity had taken place. The **Harmful Ghost** threatened the team that went into the basement the first time. After our **Psychic Medium** made contact with one of the "working girls" (who only went by "Cheryl"), she explained that this "Julian" was a violent man who murdered several women, including herself.

Then another spirit took over Simon's Séance. This spirit said his name was "Julian" and *"he and the other girls are all still here, in the basement. Our spirits can't be free until they're found"* Then he left Simon's body and the séance ended. A recording of this séance is on file. We heard a horrific scream of anger from the basement below us.

Collecting some shovels from the construction crew vehicles on site, we returned to the basement. We were confronted by the **Harmful Entity** (the same one that threatened us earlier) who continually lashed out and attacked us until Simon destroyed it.

After some digging, we discovered what must have been more than a dozen sets of bones. I deduced that they've been down there for nearly a hundred years. The owner called the police to have them removed. After taking our statements the police had a forensics team look them over and then a team of paramedics collect them to be further analyzed and determine cause of death.

Following our investigation, we learned that the ambulance that carried the remains had an accident, running into a wall. Per an eyewitness, it appeared that the driver was maimed in the accident.

Looking over the photographs and news report videos the ambulance looked as if something and tore the back doors out from the inside with their bare hands. Simon and I paid a visit to the to repair shop the ambulance was taken to. Simon detected an Olfactory Omen of "Garlic", which is consistent with the presence of vampires. It's likely he couldn't detect this omen in the basement as the head had been removed from the rest and been buried for so long.

The spirit of the Paramedic appeared to Simon, explaining how one of the body bags began smoking and began moving. Then a "monster ripped and clawed its way out of the bag" and attacked him, biting him in the neck. The last thing he remembers is the monster repeatedly bashing and crushing his head into the side of the ambulance.

I suspect that this vampire is "Julian" and the other bodies were the women he fed on and had hidden in the basement afterwards. As of this report, "Julian's" whereabouts are unknown.