

Bouncer fired for asking women to lift their shirts before entering bar

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A Calgary bouncer who asked women to show their breasts in exchange for entrance to a southside bar has been fired.

"Upon further review of the incident, we have terminated the staff member in question as of this morning," a spokesperson from Hudsons Canadian Tap House said Tuesday.

The termination came just hours after witnesses came forward about the June 10 incident where dozens of female patrons lined up outside of the Shawnessy pub were told they would be admitted if they showed their breasts.

"A bouncer came to the front of the line (and) said, 'Any girl that lets

me sign their (breasts), I'll let them come in,' " said Georgie Day, who was waiting in line with friends last Sunday.

A spokesperson for the company said they are taking the incident seriously and added that the employee involved was "off duty" at the time.

"The management team has noted that, before this incident, the staff member in question has had a clean work record over nearly one year of employment. . . . He has been co-operative during our investigation into the incident and understands the seriousness of his misconduct."

Hudsons Shawnessy "will also be conducting a refresher on appropriate off-duty behaviour with all staff members at that particular location."

Camera phone video of the event obtained by the Herald shows at least one bouncer telling women in the lineup, "You show . . . your (breasts) and he'll let you in." At one point, a bouncer appears to say, 'Where's your (breasts) at?' to a woman at the front of the line.

A woman who waited in the same line said she saw bouncers admit one woman who flashed her breasts and then refuse entry to her friend when she declined to lift her shirt.

Day said he saw at least two women comply with the request before he left shortly after in disgust.

"I think sexually harassing girls in the line kind of brought things to a new level and I was kind of upset."

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