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Today, this office took action to declare a new business a public nuisance and close the business. The business is King Accupressure located at 2683 Andersonville Highway in Anderson County. The basis for the nuisance is prostitution and facilitation of prostitution. This all comes as the result of an undercover investigation by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office that started almost immediately upon the opening of the business. A deputy posed as a customer of the business and alleges in a criminal complaint that he was solicited for prostitution. Two females were taken into custody at the scene. A copy of the criminal complaint and all of the documentation involved in closing the business is attached or available upon request.

In 2004, while serving as County Attorney, I proposed new regulations for Anderson County designed to discourage the location of adult oriented establishments within Anderson County. The County Commission passed these regulations as part of its Zoning Ordinance. Since then, we have jealously guarded Anderson County from adult oriented establishments and the problems associated with them. We are proud of not having public problems of adult oriented businesses in Anderson County. Therefore, we are very pleased to be able to announce the fine work of Sheriff White's deputies and the successful efforts of this office to padlock the business.

Today, we asked the Court to enter a Temporary Injunction that would close the business and seize the contents. That order was entered by Judge Elledge in response to my request. The Circuit Court will be further considering our request to close the business permanently and to confiscate the property inside. That hearing will be scheduled by the Court. We have asked that the personal property inside the business be sold to pay the costs of the law enforcement effort so that taxpayers will not be burdened with the costs. "We want these adult-oriented businesses to know that they are not welcome in Anderson County," concluded Dave Clark.

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