

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU
ABSTRACT AND STATEMENT**

NOT IN SUIT

For briefing offers in compromise of liabilities and/or violations incurred under sections 4181 and 4182 and Chapters 51 and 52 of the Internal Revenue Code and/or liabilities and/or violations incurred under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

1. OFFER SUBMITTED BY (Name and address) Robert "Chick" Fritz, Inc. 2351 Mascoutah Avenue Belleville, IL 62220	OFFER IN COMPROMISE	
	2. ORIGINATING OFFICE TID	3. AMOUNT OF OFFER \$225,000.00
	4. PERMIT, LICENSE, OR REGISTRY NO. (if applicable) ██████████	
	5. CASE NUMBER	
	6. DOLLAR AMOUNT OF LIABILITY BEING COMPROMISED (if applicable) \$ N/A	
	7. TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ██████████	

8. CHARGE

VIOLATIONS:

1) The Proponent allegedly violated (1) the conditions of Proponent's federal basic permit, (2) provisions of 27 U.S.C. 205(a) and (b), and (3) the regulations promulgated thereunder.

2) In support of such violations, TTB alleges that the Proponent unlawfully:

Entered into a sponsorship agreement, which controlled the distribution of malt beverages at the Liberty Bank Amphitheater. The investigation revealed that sometime in or around April 2017, Robert "Chick" Fritz negotiated its sponsorship of the Liberty Bank Amphitheater (which also included the annual Fourth of July fireworks celebration) during the 2017, 2018, and 2019 seasons. In exchange for \$16,500 per year, Robert "Chick" Fritz was granted exclusive rights for malt beverage sales "at all locations and at all functions on Amphitheater property," essentially excluding all other malt beverage distributors from supplying malt beverages at the Amphitheater. It is TTB's position that Robert "Chick" Fritz's participation in the agreement to sponsor the Liberty Bank Amphitheater violated the Federal Alcohol Administration (FAA) Act's tied house and exclusive outlet prohibitions in 27 U.S.C. §§ 205(a), (b), and 27 CFR §§ 6.21, 8.21.

DATE OR PERIOD AND LOCATION OF VIOLATIONS:

The alleged violations occurred between 2017 and 2019.

BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED:

The Proponent is a TTB-permitted wholesaler of alcohol beverages.

AMOUNT AND TERMS OF OFFER:

The Proponent submitted an offer of \$225,000.00 in compromise of the above alleged violations.

9. I have considered the proposition to compromise the liability as charged herein, and, for the reasons embodied in the above abstract and statement, am of the opinion that it will be for the best interest of the United States to ACCEPT REJECT the terms proposed.

10. SIGNATURE AND TITLE Digitally signed by ██████████ Date: 2021.12.16 13:20:50 -0500 Deputy Asst. Administrator Field Operations	11. DATE December 16, 2021
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