

Let me start by saying I've known Bobby and Niki Brook since I was twelve years old. I've been best friends with their daughter, Analyssa, since 7th grade. I have spent holidays and vacations with the Brooks, and I have always considered them like family. Because of that, I was more than willing to lend my bartending skills to help them kick-start their new bar, Mahoffers. I helped paint in the weeks leading up to opening and was genuinely excited to be part of something I thought was going to be great.

Nothing could have prepared me for the environment I was about to enter. From Day 1, I began seeing a side of Bobby I had never seen before. The first red flag happened even before the bar opened: he told the guy I was interested in—the one who lived upstairs—that he was not allowed to date me. I was uncomfortable confronting this because the guy made it clear that this was a boundary set by Bobby, not him.

From my perspective and experience, Bobby's behavior was extremely inappropriate. He often spoke poorly about his wife or other women in front of staff, made sexual comments about staff or other women, and created an environment where speaking up felt unsafe. I learned very quickly not to question him, because anytime someone disagreed with him or spoke back, it did not end well. He gets very loud and aggressive. On multiple occasions, Bobby gave me extra money and made it clear that he expected me to stay quiet.

I personally witnessed situations that made me deeply uncomfortable, including what I believed to be abusive behavior toward his wife in front of staff and customers. I was also aware of incidents involving inappropriate relationship with staff, and there is video footage that others, including the previous tenant, can confirm exists. The staff member on video is Lisa Stacy. His behavior toward multiple female bartenders—both in person and over text—made many people uncomfortable. I also saw him bring customers to the basement during operating hours, and he asked me directly if I “partied,” which I understood to mean using cocaine. I of course declined any offers. Other bartenders shared similar experiences with me. Including cocaine being all over the bar when a bartender opened for their shift.

In the weeks leading up to my last days working there, things escalated. On 7/18, Bobby attempted to pressure me—over text—into meeting one of his friends for money. I have proof of this. When I declined, he asked again. On his birthday, he also made sexual advances toward me, which I also have proof of. This was the first time I saw his gun in person; although he talked about it frequently, I had not seen it until 7/20.

On 7/23, I worked a shift where I personally witnessed what I perceived as serious physical aggression toward his wife. Objects were thrown, including a barstool, and I was genuinely terrified. That night, I came forward to Niki about everything I had seen and heard, as well as the proof I had. She reviewed camera footage and confirmed certain things herself. She wasn't sure how to approach him, but once she did, he began confronting staff members individually during their shifts.

On 7/29, he confronted me in an intimidating way. When I told him that staff were talking about his behavior, he immediately fired me. That same night—early morning 7/30—he spat in a staff member's face twice because they tried to step between him and his wife outside Mahoffers. The bartender working that night walked out and quit after witnessing everything, and he is willing to speak about what he saw. Bobby was arrested early that morning on battery charges related to an incident at home.

After his arrest, Niki begged me to stay working and put me on the schedule for the rest of August. I told her I would not work if Bobby had anything to do with the bar. Even though he was not allowed inside, he began watching the cameras and harassing me through our work app, Sling. On 8/1, he called the police on me, claiming I was fired and not allowed to be there. I contacted Niki when the officers arrived, and she confirmed I was allowed to work. My final shift was 8/4.

On 8/6, I received a message from Niki—along with several other bartenders—saying they needed time to “regroup and start fresh.” We were not formally fired; we were just removed from the work app. Shortly afterward, Mahoffers posted that they were hiring new bartenders to “start fresh,” leaving me without a job. Despite seeing the proof and hearing from multiple staff members about the uncomfortable and hostile work environment, Niki later told people we were lying. She has continued to support her husband despite the numerous concerns brought to her about his behavior.

To be clear, in my experience, Bobby has continued to act in control of Mahoffers, even with pending criminal charges to this day, while Niki stands beside him. She has not protected her staff, despite being the bar's owner. From my perspective, her actions have enabled Bobby's ongoing behavior in the establishment.

This statement is written by Haylee Kusters a former employee of Mahoffers, working from 7/1–8/6 2025, and also a former close family friend of the Brooks.