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### **Wausau Business Owner Charged with Alcohol Crimes**

Kaileah Koehler of Wausau was charged by the Marathon County District Attorney's office for possession of refilled intoxicating liquor bottles. Ms. Koehler is the registered agent for the retail alcohol license held by Mountain Lanes Family Fun Center Inc. located at 1401 Elm Street in Wausau. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. The prosecution must prove its allegations at trial.

If convicted, Ms. Koehler could face up to \$1,000 in fines and/or one year imprisonment. In addition, these violations could result in suspension or revocation of the retail alcohol license held by Mountain Lanes Family Fun Center Inc.

According to the criminal complaint, a June 2017 investigation found that Ms. Koehler was in possession of refilled intoxicating liquor bottles at the Mountain Lanes premises. Alcohol and Tobacco Special Agents seized 33 open liquor bottles, many of which were suspected as being refilled with other brands of liquor. Included among the seized bottles were six bottles labeled as Captain Morgan rum. Later, the contents of these bottles were tested and found to be non-authentic. The bottles were said to have been refilled with Ron Diaz brand rum. Wisconsin alcohol beverage laws prohibit the dilution or refilling of intoxicating liquor bottles and also require that all alcohol sold at retail be obtained from permitted liquor or beer wholesalers.

The Department of Revenue's Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit, which investigated this case, works to ensure that all retailers comply with the law and are operating fairly. The Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit also works to ensure public safety, and to protect the integrity and quality of the alcohol being sold in Wisconsin. Labeling and purchasing requirements, as well as refilling prohibitions, are in place to provide Wisconsin consumers with the correct information on the brand, flavor, and alcohol content of the alcohol beverages offered for sale in this state.