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Hurley Tavern Owner Charged With Refilling Liquor Bottles

Daniel J Moncher, of Saxon, WI was charged today in Iron County Circuit Court with two counts of possession of refilled liquor bottles.

According to the criminal complaint, Moncher is the owner of Spiders Sports Bar LLC, which operates Spiders Sports Bar located at 219 Silver Street in Hurley, WI. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue received complaints that the tavern was refilling their liquor bottles with lesser brands.

According to the complaint, agents found bottles of Captain Morgan rum showing signs of being refilled. The complaint alleges that Mr. Moncher admitted to refilling the bottles of Captain Morgan with Sailor Jerry brand rum. Agents seized 113 bottles of liquor from the business. Subsequent testing of the liquor bottles indicated that the Captain Morgan bottle contents were not consistent with authentic Captain Morgan rum.

Refilling liquor bottles can pose health and safety risks, including a situation in which customers may consume more alcohol than they are expecting. In this case, Sailor Jerry rum is produced at a higher alcohol proof, approximately 32% higher than Captain Morgan rum.

Mr. Moncher was charged with two counts of possession of refilled liquor bottles and if convicted, he could face fines up to \$500 and/or up to 6 months imprisonment for each count.

Mr. Moncher was charged by the Iron County District Attorney's Office after an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Complaints of violations of Wisconsin's alcohol, tobacco, or cigarette laws can be reported at 608-266-2772 or by email to ates@revenue.wi.gov