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Former Village of Lake Hallie Business Owner Charged with Operating After Revocation of a Seller's Permit and Commercial Gambling Crimes

Melissa S. Christianson of Eleva was charged by the Chippewa County District Attorney's office with four counts of operating as a seller in Wisconsin after her business' seller's permit had been revoked. Christianson held the retail alcohol license that was issued for Missy's Bar & Grill located at 1705 County Highway OO, in the Village of Lake Hallie. She was also charged with intentionally and unlawfully permitting video gambling machines to be set up for use for the purpose of gambling in a place under her control.

According to the criminal complaint, a June 2017 investigation by Special Agents of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Office of Criminal Investigation, Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement Unit found that Christianson was operating her bar after her seller's permit had been revoked. During the investigation, Christianson was found to be in possession of five video gambling machines that were operational at the tavern.

If convicted, Christianson could face up to \$500 in fines and/or imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both, for each count of operating a business with a revoked seller's permit. Additionally, she faces a forfeiture of not more than \$2,500 for unlawfully permitting video gambling machines to be set up for the purpose of gambling at the tavern.

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