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Red Rock Lounge in Grants Pass surrenders liquor license

Portland, OR – Red Rock Lounge at 112 NE Morgan Lane in Grants Pass surrendered their liquor license to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission Wednesday, April 16.

The decision by Red Rock Lounge owner, Michael Stumbo, came following a fatal stabbing at the business late last month. The OLCC was in the process of investigating the incident.

“There is no amount of money to be made that could make up for people getting hurt,” said Red Rock Lounge owner, Michael Stumbo. “I voluntarily relinquished my license because I don’t want an employee or another customer getting hurt.”

“We don’t like to see businesses shut down or employees out of work. However, ensuring the safety of people inside liquor licensed businesses is our number one priority,” said OLCC Medford Regional Manager, Jeff Jett. “In this situation, I think Mr. Stumbo made the right decision to close the Red Rock Lounge.”

When a violent incident occurs at a liquor licensed business, OLCC inspectors conduct an investigation. Considerations include whether or not the parties were visibly intoxicated and what measures, if any, the licensee and employees could have taken to prevent the incident. Inspectors also consider the number of serious incidents and the time frame of which they occurred.

“We work hard with our licensees statewide to make sure they sell and serve alcohol responsibly,” said John Eckhart, OLCC Public Safety Director. “Sometimes we can achieve the goal through education; sometimes a fine or a liquor license suspension is necessary. In this case, our regional office helped the licensee understand that this particular business model wasn’t working for the safety of the community.”

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