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HOTEL LICENSEE SENTENCED FOR INTOXICATION OFFENCES

The licensee of the Beaumont Exchange Hotel in Hamilton has been ordered to pay \$2,000 in legal costs and put on a 12-month good behaviour bond after pleading guilty to allowing intoxication and serving alcohol to an intoxicated patron.

Mr Peter Mazoudier pleaded guilty to three breaches of NSW liquor laws in Newcastle Local Court today. The Magistrate did not record a conviction under Section 10 of the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999.

In facts presented to the Court, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspectors attended the Beaumont Exchange Hotel covertly on 28 August 2016.

About 1.25am, one inspector was approached by a male patron with slurred, unintelligible speech and glassy eyes. The man's breath smelt strongly of liquor and he was swaying uncontrollably and staring intermittently at the ceiling.

Shortly after, the inspectors saw the patron approach the bar and engage in conversation with a female bartender who served him two tumblers of whiskey and Coke.

The patron was then seen drinking from one of the tumblers. He was later removed from the hotel after the inspectors approached security guards.

Inspectors also observed a female patron stumbling and unable to stand up without support from another patron, and another male patron stumbling and swaying on the spot.

Mr Mazoudier pleaded guilty to permitting intoxication, selling liquor to an intoxicated person and failing to maintain an incident register.

Director of compliance operations, Sean Goodchild, said the case demonstrates Liquor & Gaming NSW's commitment to pursuing licensees who permit intoxication and serve alcohol to intoxicated patrons.

"Such actions can lead to serious alcohol-related harm and jeopardise community safety," he said.

"Licensees who do not appropriately manage intoxication at their venue can expect to face action."

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