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**(Neb)-AG Files 22 Citations Against Whiteclay Beer Stores**



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LINCOLN, Neb. An audit of the four stores in Whiteclay that have liquor licenses has resulted in 22 citations filed by Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson on February 27th.

Peterson said in a statement that his office considers them "serious violations" and is prepared to provide evidence in support of the allegations.

State Liquor Control Commission executive director Hobart Rupe told the Lincoln Journal Star the audit was begun in fall of 2015 and uncovered "significant irregularities" that the AG's office says included selling to bootleggers, keeping inadequate records and selling alcohol after hours.

The Liquor Commission is scheduled to hold a hearing April 6th and 7th in Lincoln on license renewals for the 4 beer stores, but Rupe told the newspaper the panel won't consider the new citations until after acting on renewal.

The attorneys for the stores filed requests last week with both the Liquor Commission and Lancaster County District Court to prevent the commission from doing anything other than acting quickly to renew the licenses, arguing renewal is a constitutionally-protected right of their clients.

Rupe told the Journal Star he will discuss the situation with the parties in a phone conference tomorrow and still assumes next month's hearing will take place as scheduled.