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### **Arizona Liquor Board approves the Non-Transfer of Liquor Licenses to George Allen Ryan.**

**St. Michaels, Navajo Nation**-January 8, 2015, the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission and the Renewal of Hope Task Force traveled to Phoenix, Arizona for the Arizona Liquor board hearing on the liquor license transfer to George A. Ryan from Gary McDonald.

The Arizona Liquor Board Hearing was to review the qualifications, reliability, and capability of Ryan to operate liquor establishments.

With the testimonies from the community members of Sanders, Arizona, it illustrated Ryan was incapable of running a liquor establishment on the basis of his qualifications as a business owner and has no reliability due to selling to inebriated patrons.

George A. Ryan personal testimony also showed he was incapable of running a business due to his lack of interest to not develop a business plan for the liquor licenses which could have been transferred to him. Leonard Gorman, NNHRC Executive Director said "There was a 7 month period for Ryan to develop a business plan that could have been reviewed by the Navajo Nation to determine if it would support Ryan's business plan."

According to the Arizona Liquor Board, Ryan had no qualifications, reliability, and capability due to his lack of understanding of Title IV liquor laws, failure to complete the Arizona liquor applications thoroughly, and falsifying or misleading information on his non active status form.

After the 8 hour hearing, the final decision of the Arizona Liquor Board resulted in the denial of liquor licenses being transferred to Ryan from McDonald.

Sanders Community wishes were address favorable, and the Navajo Nation needs to be diligent on the consideration of all the four licenses.

For more information on the Arizona Liquor Board Hearing contact the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at 928-871-7436.

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