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David McQuarrie Responsible for Alpena General Store's Sales of Meat Not Processed by USDA-Licensed Facility: Conduct Results in Revocation of David McQuarrie's Bond

David McQuarrie, 68, of Spruce, Michigan, was convicted of multiple federal felonies in late March of 2018. At that time, U.S. District Judge Thomas L. Ludington allowed David McQuarrie to remain on bond pending sentencing. On August 1, 2018, after a bond revocation hearing, Judge Ludington found that David McQuarrie was responsible for sales of meat that had not been processed in a USDA-licensed meat processing facility. The meat was sold to the public at the Alpena General Store. Federal law makes it a criminal offense to offer meat for sale to the public that has not been processed in a USDA-licensed facility. Judge Ludington therefore revoked McQuarrie's bond and ordered a Deputy U.S. Marshal to take McQuarrie into custody.

Evidence presented during the hearing established that during a one-year period between May of 2017 and May of 2018, David and Scott McQuarrie bought at least two tons of beef from a meat processing facility that was not licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The packages of meat were clearly labelled "Not for Sale" by the processing facility when the packages of beef were sold to the McQuarries. However, in June of 2018, a USDA food safety inspector found hundreds of pounds of meat from the unlicensed facility available for purchase by the public in the Alpena General Store. The "Not for Sale" labels had been removed from the meat packages. David McQuarrie was an operator of the Alpena General Store at that time.

In announcing the results of the bond revocation hearing, U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider observed that any criminal conduct committed by a defendant while on bond always has the potential to result in revocation of the offender's bond, but noted that David McQuarrie's illegal conduct gave rise to public safety concerns that made the loss of McQuarrie's liberty especially appropriate.