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## **Boat Forfeited in Bootlegging Case**

(Juneau, AK) – During a hearing Monday, a Nome court ordered a woman to forfeit her 18-foot Lund skiff, which her son, Gregory Bradley, used to import alcohol into the dry village of Elim.

The magistrate ordered the forfeiture because the woman knew that her son previously used the boat to attempt importing alcohol into a dry village. During the forfeiture/remission hearing, the magistrate stated, “If you know people misuse the tools, don’t loan ‘em the tools....”

“This case is another example of our zero tolerance program for bootlegging. Those who choose to violate local option laws will pay a heavy price.” Attorney General Gregg Renkes said.

“The Attorney General’s office has made it clear that the forfeiture of vehicles used in bootlegging crimes, including vehicles borrowed from others with knowledge of the criminal use, is on this administration’s agenda and will hopefully serve as yet another deterrent against bootlegging crimes,” Assistant Attorney General Andrea Russell commented. Russell prosecuted the case.

Gregory Bradley and two other defendants transported four cases (36 liters) of whiskey from Nome to Elim using his mother’s boat on July 25 of this year. Prompt community reporting and an Alaska State Trooper investigation resulted in their arrest. Elim became a “dry” local option community in 1981.

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