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uations that pose imminent risk of harm," Malcolm continued. "Our regulatory staff took swift action after gathering information that indicated the situation posed an imminent risk to the health, safety and dignity of the clients served by this provider."

According to the DOH release, the action was conducted in partnership with officials from Aitkin County and surrounding counties, as well as the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DOH) and local law enforcement.

Chappy's Golden Shores Manager Lisa Anderson said approximately 72 employees and 38 residents of the facility were affected by the order. Anderson described the events that took place as a result of the regulatory action as "absolute chaos and pandemonium."

A release from Chappy's Golden Shores Attorney Jason Steck stated, "After reviewing the limited information that the state and county officials provided them, the Olsons believe that the allegations justifying the raid may be the same as those previously investigated and found to be unsubstantiated by the state. The Olsons believe that some of the allegations may have come from a disgruntled former employee who was fired for drug use."

DHS records show a license review was conducted on Aug. 23, 2018, which showed there were

no violations of licensing requirements at Chappy's Golden Shores. Investigations of suspected maltreatment proved to be inconclusive by the DHS on Jan. 30, 2018, and on Jan. 8, 2016. On Aug. 17, 2015, an initial compliance monitoring visit determined that Chappy's Golden Shores failed to achieve compliance with applicable laws or rules; however this failure did not imminently endanger the health and safety, or rights of persons served. A correction order was issued by the DHS.

Anderson said, "We've always prided ourselves in trying to have a family atmosphere where clients don't have to feel like they're in an institution. We have the hardest of the hard here. We are a facility that takes in the homeless and the seriously mentally ill. They always call us as a last resort because they can't find placement."

As of Dec. 7, county officials have relocated all of the clients to other providers. The department will continue its investigation into Chappy's Golden Shores and take follow-up actions as appropriate.

"We know this can be a difficult process for all involved, and particularly for the clients and family members. We are working with our partners to minimize the disruption for clients and family members. We will share more information with them as we are able," Malcolm stated.

Malcolm encourages clients and family members to contact their case manager, county adult protection or the Minnesota Ombudsman for Long Term Care (800-657-3591) with additional questions. Any allegations of maltreatment should be directed to the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (844-880-1574).

Chappy's Golden Shores has been in operation for 23 years. Basic support services offered by Chappy's Golden Shores included 24-hour emergency assistance, adult companion services, homemaker, night supervision, personal support, respite care, in home or out-of-home. Residential supports and services included foster care services or supported living services.



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Kevin Randolph of Crosby Police Department and TZD Coordinator Paul Bruggman

Drinking experiment/ Plan ahead for safe ride

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During the three-hour process, KKIN had the representatives from law enforcement spoke about their individual experience with the tragedies involved in the decision to drink and drive which include monetary and criminal ramifications.

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