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Walker v. Greenwood Rollerdomes et al,
17-4324
Plaintiff: Hans G. Poppe, Kirk A. Laughlin and Taylor K. Richard, *The Poppe Law Firm*, Louisville
Defense: Melissa T. Richardson and Madeleine B. Loeffler, *Walters Richardson*, Lexington for Greenwood Roller Dome
Maxwell D. Smith and William J. Barker, II, *Ward Hocker & Thornton*, Lexington for Loving Care
Verdict: Defense verdict on liability
Court: **Jefferson**, J. Bisig,
10-26-21

Stephanie Walker, age 37, was a patron late on the evening of 1-11-17 at a Midnight Bingo event on Greenwood Road off Dixie Highway. She was there to celebrate her sister's

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