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Liquor Control Commission February Underage Compliance Report

SPRINGFIELD – In February 2020, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited *136* businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited *18* for violations of liquor control laws.

This is a monthly aggregated report of all the underage compliance investigations conducted in the month of February. The ILCC may release results on individual investigations through shorter press releases throughout the month.

The monthly aggregated report lists all the results of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) agents, local law enforcement officials and volunteers from high schools and colleges. The teams randomly visit liquor stores, restaurants and bars in communities around the state to check for ongoing compliance with state laws mandating that no liquor is sold to minors under the age of 21. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales.

Below is the bulleted list by location of which establishments violated the law by selling alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Because the visits are random in nature, certain areas of the State are visited at certain times of the year.

Elmhurst – February 11th, the ILCC and the Elmhurst Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 21 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- MANNY'S ALE HOUSE, 683 W SAINT CHARLES RD, ELMHURST, IL 60126-3024
- SAL'S BEVERAGE WORLD, 695 W SAINT CHARLES RD, ELMHURST, IL 60126-3024

Normal – February 13th, the ILCC and the Normal Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 25 licensees checked, one sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

- FREEDOM OIL COMPANY, 1617 N MAIN ST, NORMAL, IL 61761-1113

Cook County – February 20th, the ILCC and the Cook County Sheriff's office conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 15 licensees checked, one sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

- MISKAS LIQUORS, 10405 W. FULLERTON, MELROSE PARK, IL 60164

Jasper County – February 20th, the ILCC and the Jasper County Sherriff's Office conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 16 licensees checked, four sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- JOE'S ITALIAN FOODS NEWTON, INC., 113 S JACKSON ST, NEWTON, IL 62448-1265
- VFW HARVEY A. PULLIAM POST #7537, 106 N VAN BUREN ST, NEWTON, IL 62448-1410
- MARILYNS LIQUOR CABINET, 802 S VAN BUREN ST, NEWTON, IL 62448-1725
- THE GAS STATION, 302 N MAIN ST, SAINTE MARIE, IL 62459-0000

Berwyn – February 21th, the ILCC and the Berwyn Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 47 licensees checked, eight sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- PRIMO'S LOUNGE, 6510 16TH ST, BERWYN, IL 60402-1307
- MAY'S BERWYN LLC, 1221 S HARLEM AVE, BERWYN, IL 60402-1042
- SHELBY'S, 6601 ROOSEVELT RD, BERWYN, IL 60402-1010 (1 prior violation)
- MIKE'S PLACE SPORTS BAR & GRILL, 6319 ROOSEVELT RD, BERWYN, IL 60402-1164
- OLIVE OR TWIST RESTAURANT & MARTINI BAR, 6906 W WINDSOR AVE, BERWYN, IL 60402-3334 (1 prior violation)
- WINDSOR CAFE, 6834A W WINDSOR AVE, BERWYN, IL 60402-3490 (1 prior violation)
- EL NUEVO VALLARTA SPORTS BAR AND GRILL, 6801 CERMAK RD, BERWYN, IL 60402-2237
- I RAM LIQUORS, 6515 CERMAK RD, BERWYN, IL 60402-2312 (1 prior violation)

Carbondale – February 27th, the ILCC and the Carbondale Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 12 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- FAT BOTTOM BETTY'S/HOLIDAY INN, 2310 REED STATION PKWY, CARBONDALE, IL 62901-7117
- TRAXX, 610 S ILLINOIS AVE, CARBONDALE, IL 62901-2817 (1 prior violation)

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For information about hearings regarding checks, please visit the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's website:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/ilcc/Divisions/Pages/Legal/Hearing-Schedule-for-Chicago-IL-and-Springfield-IL.aspx>