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Liquor Control Commission March Underage Compliance Report

SPRINGFIELD – In March 2019, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited *110* businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited *12* for violations of liquor control laws.

This is a monthly aggregated report of all the underage compliance investigations conducted in the month of March. 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.

Merrionette Park – March 7th, the ILCC and the Merrionette Park Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 7 licensees checked, one sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- GEORGE'S WINE & LIQUOR, 3335 W 115TH STREET, MERRIONETTE PARK, IL 60803

Macon County – March 14th, the ILCC and the Macon County Sheriff's Office conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 14 licensees checked, three sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

- PILOT TRAVEL CENTER #368, 4030 EAST BOYD RD, DECATUR, IL 62521 (1 prior violation)
- CRAWFORDS PIZZA & PUB, 535 S WOOD ST, MAROA, IL 61756-7563 (1 prior violation)
- DA BURG'S BAR & GRILL, 145 N MAIN ST, WARRENSBURG, IL 62573-0000 (1 prior violation)

Gurnee – March 18th, the ILCC and the Gurnee Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 37 licensees checked, one sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

- ROSATIS PIZZA / OLD CHICAGO RED HOT, 5404 GRAND AVE, GURNEE, IL 60031-1735

Peoria – March 21st, the ILCC and the Peoria Police Office conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 19 licensees checked, three sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR, 3929 W WAR MEMORIAL DR, PEORIA, IL 61615
- LOS CABOS CANTINA & GRILL, 7800 N SOMMER ST, PEORIA, IL 61615-1973
- RED LOBSTER, 4625 N STERLING AVE, PEORIA, IL 61615-3820

Macoupin County – March 25th, the ILCC and the Macoupin County Sheriff's Office conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 10 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- MINER RESTAURANT, 306 S MACOUPIN ST, GILLESPIE, IL 62033-1606
- BERRY'S BAR INC, 623 S LAUREL ST, STAUNTON, IL 62088-2117

Montgomery County – March 29th, the ILCC and the Illinois State Police District 18 conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 23 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- BP, 413 OHREN DR, LITCHFIELD, IL 62056-1044
- U J'S, 302 W UNION AVE, LITCHFIELD, IL 62056-1933

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For information about hearings regarding checks, please visit the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's website:

<https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Pages/CalendarList.aspx>.