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Liquor Control Commission March Underage Compliance Report

SPRINGFIELD – In March 2020, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited 80 businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited 5 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.

Champaign – March 4th, the ILCC and the Champaign City Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 20 licensees checked, four sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- BLACKHAWK FOOD & LIQUOR, 2401 W SPRINGFIELD AVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821-2811
- CIRCLE K #4701403, 59 E GREEN ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-7914 (1 prior violation)
- JOE'S BREWERY, 706 S 5TH ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-0000 (1 prior violation)
- CAMPUS PANTRY, 112 E GREEN ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-5302 (1 prior violation)

Morton Grove – March 5th, the ILCC and the Morton Grove Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 14 licensees checked, zero sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants.

Normal – March 11th, the ILCC and the Normal Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 26 licensees checked, zero sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants.

Bloomington – March 16th, the ILCC and the Bloomington Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 20 licensees checked, one sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

- BINNY'S BEVERAGE DEPOT, 1409 N VETERANS PARKWAY, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704-0000

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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>.