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Liquor Control Commission September Underage Compliance Report

SPRINGFIELD – In September 2019, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited 109 businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited 7 for violations of liquor control laws.

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

Tazewell County – September 3rd, the ILCC and the Tazewell County Sheriff's Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 18 licensees checked, zero sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants.

Bloomington – September 17th, the ILCC and the Bloomington Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 20 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- QIK N EZ, 1607 MORRISEY DRIVE, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704
- FREEDOM OIL COMPANY, 1801 S VETERANS PKWY, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701-6905

Collinsville – September 23rd, the ILCC and the Collinsville Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 18 licensees checked, zero sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants.

Evanston– September 24th, the ILCC and the Evanston Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 13 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- LA MACCHINA CAFE, 1620 ORRINGTON AVE, EVANSTON, IL 60201-3829
- OLD NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL, 2902 CENTRAL ST, EVANSTON, IL 60201-1224

Peoria – September 24th, the ILCC and the Peoria Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 20 licensees checked, one sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

- HY-VEE C-STORE #2, 5421 W WAR MEMORIAL DR, PEORIA, IL 61615-9206

Decatur – September 26th, the ILCC and the Decatur Police Department and the Macon County Sheriff's Office conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 20 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- GARCIA'S PIZZA, 1099 W MAIN ST, DECATUR, IL 62522-2036
- UNIVERSITY LIQUOR, 1096 W MAIN ST, DECATUR, IL 62522-2070

This report is a result of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by agents of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC), local law enforcement officials and underage participants recruited from area 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 persons under 21 years old. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales.

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

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