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Media Release

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Re: Underage Alcohol & Nicotine Sales and Compliance Checks – September 2024

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On 09-19-2024, undercover detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office conducted Compliance Checks and Alcohol/Nicotine Buys at various locations throughout Hernando County. A total of 10 locations were visited throughout the evening.

At the conclusion of the operation, **four** clerks **did not permit** the sale of alcoholic beverages to the underage customer and **two** clerks **did not permit** the sale of nicotine/tobacco products to the underage customer, successfully following the law.

Clerks at **four** businesses **did allow** the underage customer to purchase alcoholic beverage products, a violation of the Florida Beverage Law, F.S.S. 562.11.

The offenders are mandated to complete Responsible Vendor Training (RVT), an online course which is administered by the Hernando Community Coalition, within 30 days of the violation. The course reinforces the importance of responsible alcohol and tobacco sales and service, reviews Florida beverage laws and demonstrates practices on how to prevent alcohol sales to underage persons.

Stores in VIOLATION (allowed the sale of alcohol products to the underage person) were as follows:

- Shell - 19275 Cortez Boulevard (alcoholic beverages)
- Warehouse Wine and Liquor - 3077 Anderson Snow Road (alcoholic beverages)
- Sunoco - 7170 Barclay Avenue (alcoholic beverages)
- 7-11 - 15310 Cortez Boulevard (alcoholic beverages)

Stores in COMPLIANCE (did not allow the sale of alcohol to underage person) were as follows:

- Shell – 3275 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- 7-Eleven – 16161 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL
- Circle K – 14195 Elgin Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL
- Mobil – 14333 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL
- XLNT Smoke Shop – 19542 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- Yellow Lemon Smoke Shop - 3065 Anderson Snow Road, Spring Hill, FL

More operations of this nature are planned for the future.