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DEKALB POLICE & IL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION TEAM UP FOR ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS AT LOCAL RETAILERS

Most licensees in compliance; 3 establishments cited for selling to minors

An undercover compliance check to ensure local liquor licensees are not selling to minors was carried out recently, as the DeKalb Police Department and agents from the IL Liquor Control Commission teamed up, announced DeKalb Police Department Commander Chad McNett.

The undercover check of 18 liquor establishments took place on the evening of August 28th, 2024. Compliance teams included DeKalb Police Officers, IL Liquor Commission Agents, and underage teenagers. The teams check package stores, bars and restaurants, and gaming establishments that hold liquor licenses. The goal of the compliance check program is to prevent underage drinking and encourage liquor licensees to comply with state and local laws.

While most licensees were found to be in compliance, three establishments were cited for selling alcohol to a minor. The offending employees were each cited and given a violation notice to appear before the City Administrative Hearing Officer at a future date.

The list of businesses checked follows.

Businesses who passed the compliance check:

- Shelby's 2581 Sycamore Road
- Suzi's 2410 Sycamore Road
- Lucky Poker 1812 Sycamore Road
- Charley's gaming 1792 Sycamore Road
- Mardi Gras Lanes 1730 Sycamore Road
- Athena's 1704 Sycamore Road
- Chips 122 East Hillcrest Drive
- Sullivan's Bar 722 East Lincoln Highway
- KJ's Tap 518 East Lincoln Highway
- La Calle 263 East Lincoln Highway
- Hometown Sports Bar & Grill 241 East Lincoln Highway

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- El Jimador Mexican Grill 260 East Lincoln Highway
- Maisy's 854 South Fourth Street
- Molly's Bar 1000 West Lincoln Highway
- Jazzy's Spot 870 West Lincoln Highway

Businesses who failed the compliance check:

- Fatty's Pub and Grill 1312 West Lincoln Highway
- Fushi Yami 822 W. Lincoln Highway
- Lucky's Poker 3260 Sycamore Road

"We organize these checks regularly to remind both licensees and our community at large how serious we are about strict enforcement," said Commander McNett. "The results show us there is still work to do in the world of prevention around minors' access to alcohol. The majority of licensees during this compliance check demonstrated that carding those who try to purchase alcohol in DeKalb is a top priority. We commend them for upholding the law and putting the safety of our youth first."

The DeKalb Police Department's compliance program is part of our ongoing effort to regularly enforce liquor laws in DeKalb. For more information, please contact Commander McNett at 815-748-8400.

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