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Liquor Control Commission Underage Compliance August Report

SPRINGFIELD – In August, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited 56 businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited 11 for violations of liquor control laws.

This is a monthly aggregated report of all the underage compliance investigations conducted in the month of August. 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 – August 7th, the ILCC and the Champaign Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 13 licensees checked, *five* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- ILLINI PANTRY, 606 S 6TH ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-5714 (1 prior violation)
- GREEN ST PANTRY, 308 E GREEN ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-8183
- ART MART, 1705 S PROSPECT AVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-7005
- GREEN ONION ASIAN MARKET, 2020 S NEIL ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-7220
- COUNTY MARKET #515, 331 E STOUGHTON ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-5432 (2 prior violations)

Champaign – August 16th, the ILCC and the Champaign Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 7 licensees checked, *two* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- CHAMPAIGN FOOD & LIQUOR, 517 E UNIVERSITY AVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-3828
- ILLINI INN, 901 S 4TH ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-6115 (1 prior violation)

Charleston– August 18th, the ILCC and the Charleston Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 17 licensees checked, *three* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- PANTHER LIQUORS, 1002 LINCOLN AVE, CHARLESTON, IL 61920-3047
- DIRTY'S BAR & GRILL, 706 LINCOLN AVE, CHARLESTON, IL 61920-3002
- UNIQUE SUITES HOTEL, 920 WEST LINCOLN AVE, CHARLESTON, IL 61920-0000

Peoria – August 30th, the ILCC and the Harvard Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 19 licensees checked, *one* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

- ALDI INC #10, 3420 N UNIVERSITY ST, PEORIA, IL 61604-1323 (1 prior violation)

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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>