



ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

50 West Washington Street, Suite 209 Chicago, IL 60602
300 West Jefferson Street, Suite 300, Springfield, IL 62702

For Immediate Release
April 10, 2023

Liquor Control Commission Underage Compliance March Report

SPRINGFIELD – In March, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited 21 businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited 8 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.

Chicago – March 2nd, the ILCC and the Chicago Police Department SAM Unit conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 5 licensees checked, one sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- MCGEE'S TAVERN & GRILLE, 950 W WEBSTER AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60614-3623

Champaign – March 3rd, the ILCC and the University of Illinois Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 10 licensees checked, five sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- COUNTY MARKET #515, 331 E STOUGHTON ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-5432 (1 prior violation)
- CIRCLE K #4701403, 59 E GREEN ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-7914 (1 prior violation)
- LIQUOR LAND, 32 E GREEN ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-5312
- CAMPUS PANTRY, 112 E GREEN ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-5302 (1 prior violation)
- ILLINI PANTRY, 606 S 6TH ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-5714

Chicago – March 23rd, the ILCC and the Chicago Police Department SAM Unit conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 6 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- VINTAGE BAR, 1447-1449 W TAYLOR STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60607-0000
- LUSH WINE & SPIRITS, 1412 W CHICAGO AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60642-0000

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>