



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Underage Alcohol Sales Compliance Checks

December 6, 2015—Washington County Sheriff's Deputies, with the assistance of members of the Washington County Explorer Post, conducted an undercover compliance mission where teenagers attempt to buy alcohol from stores in Washington County.

On December 4, 2015, Deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office conducted an undercover operation, where an underage Sheriff's Office Explorer attempted to purchase alcohol. Ten businesses around eastern Washington County were visited by a 19-year-old decoy. The explorer was constantly supervised by a Sheriff's Deputy. The explorer provided his valid Oregon State issued ID card if requested by the clerk.

Out of the 10 establishments checked, four store clerks sold alcohol to the underage explorer. The stores in violation were Raleigh Hills Liquor Store (4967 SW 76th Ave), Fred Meyer (7700 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy), Hall Mart (10120 SW Hall Blvd), and Chevron (17095 SW TV Hwy).

The businesses found to be in compliance were Plaid Pantry (9917 SW Canyon Rd), 7-11 (9145 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy), Walgreens (7280 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy), New Seasons (7300 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy), 7-11 (7170 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy), and Metzger Mart (10055 SW Hall Blvd).

The clerks who sold the alcohol were cited for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. This is a Class "A" misdemeanor that carries up to a \$5,000 fine for the first conviction. The OLCC will be following up with the owners of the businesses that sold the alcohol to the minor.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes the dangers associated with underage alcohol use and works hard to stop underage drinking. This undercover alcohol sting is one of the many programs the Washington County Sheriff's Office utilizes in our continuing effort to stop underage alcohol use and avoid the potentially devastating aftermath.