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Alcohol Beverage License & Sales Compliance Investigation

On January 5, 2011, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator and CSAFE Deputy conducted alcohol beverage license and sales compliance investigations at six local businesses in Lexington Park.

The investigation revealed employees of three businesses sold alcoholic beverages to underage individuals. The businesses which were in violation are C-Stone, Canopy Liquors and Corner Liquors.

2000 Liquors, Twist Wine & Spirits and ABC Liquor & Lounge were in compliance with alcohol beverage sales.

The investigation is continuing and criminal charges may be pending. Conviction for violations of alcoholic beverage laws could lead to fines and/or the suspension of the business's liquor license.

"Local businesses and their employees are the first line of defense in the battle against underage drinking. I would like to acknowledge those establishments who are in compliance for their continued efforts in making St. Mary's County a safer and healthier environment for our youth." (Captain Steven Hall, Commander, Special Operations Division)

Inquires regarding alcohol beverage laws, licensing or beverage server training should be directed to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator, Deputy First Class Stone at 301-863-4816 x1458.

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