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NEWS RELEASE

Nineteen of 20 Businesses Pass Alcohol Compliance Checks

LEONARDTOWN, MD (July 29, 2024)—On July 24, 2024, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Alcohol Enforcement Unit conducted several alcohol compliance checks within St. Mary's County.

The covert compliance checks involved using an underage Sheriff's Office Confidential Informant, hereafter referred to as CI. The CI was 19 years old and was accompanied by Sergeant Robbert Merritt, both of whom were dressed in athletic wear. The CI was directed to enter the store and request or retrieve an alcoholic beverage from the business location to purchase it.

Twenty alcohol retailers were visited, and 19 were compliant with Maryland law. However, one retail business failed to ask the CI for any identification, and the CI was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage illegally.

The following businesses asked for identification from the underage individual:

2000 Liquor: 21800 N Shangri-La Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653
ABC Liquors: 22741 Three Notch Rd., California, MD 20619
Bradford's Neighborhood Market LLC: 23860 Hollywood Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636
California Wine & Spirits: 23123 Camden Wy., California, MD 20619
Cook's Liquors & Deli: 18400 Point Lookout Rd., Park Hall, MD 20667
Corner Liquors: 46920 South Shangri La Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Early Bird: 23791 Mervell Dean Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636
H.V. Liquors: 22576 Macarthur Blvd. Ste. 322, California, MD 20619
Hermanville C-Store: 21151 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Jughead Liquor Wine Beer: 16036 Three Notch Rd, California, MD 20619
Lex Wine & Spirits: 46400 Lexington Village Way, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Marketplace Wine & Spirits: 44920 Saint Andrews Church Rd., California, MD 20619
Ridge Market: 13270 Point Lookout Rd., Ridge, MD 20680
Rod'n Reel: 18161 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Sign Of The Whale Liquors: 21899 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653
St Mary's Fine Wine And Spirits: 20141 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD 20634
St. James Deli & Spirits: 19343 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Twist Wine & Spirits: 22608 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Wildewood Wine & Spirits: 23415 Three Notch Rd., California, MD 20619

The following business **failed to ask for identification** from the underage individual:

Baymart and Deli: 16591 Three Notch Rd., Ridge, MD 20680

The alcohol violation report was forwarded to the St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board for review.

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