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County-Wide Undercover Alcohol Campaign Nets 23 Violations

Sheriff Eddie Cathey today announced the completion of a comprehensive, county-wide undercover alcohol campaign that ran from April through August, 2015. The Sheriff stated that this investigation was a collaborative effort with the local police departments, and also involved the direct work of ABC Officers from the Waxhaw and Monroe Police Departments, as well as detectives from the Sheriff's Office.

Utilizing a 19 year old undercover, video and physical surveillance was conducted as the underage attempted to purchase alcohol in a total of 93 different establishments throughout Union County. Of these ninety-three attempts, twenty-three establishments illegally sold alcohol to the underage person. Criminal charges will be obtained over the next several days against the suspects, all of the charges involving the sale of alcohol or malt beverage to a person that is 19 or 20 years of age, a Misdemeanor under North Carolina law. In addition, the North Carolina ABC Commission will be notified of the alleged violations, and the establishments may face civil penalties in that regard.

Of particular concern to the Sheriff, three of the four ABC Stores in Union County illegally sold alcohol to the underage person, these being the stores in Wingate, Indian Trail, and Waxhaw. Only the Monroe ABC Store checked ID as required and refused to sell to the underage person.

- None of the three Marshville stores attempted sold to the underage person.
- In Indian Trail, only 2 of the 16 stores attempted sold alcohol. One of these was the ABC Store.
- In Wingate, 4 of 7 stores attempted sold alcohol to the underage person. One of these locations was the ABC Store.
- In Stallings, 4 of the 8 locations attempted sold alcohol to the underage person.
- In Wesley Chapel, 2 of the 4 locations attempted sold alcohol to the underage person.
- In Hemby Bridge, only one store was attempted and did not sell to the underage person.

- In Weddington, 1 of the 2 stores attempted sold alcohol to the underage person.
- In Waxhaw, 3 of the 12 locations attempted sold alcohol to the underage person. One of these was the ABC Store.
- In Monroe, only 7 of the 40 locations attempted sold alcohol to the underage person.

Sheriff Cathey complimented the 70 stores and businesses throughout Union County that conducted their alcohol sales lawfully during this investigation, but pointed out there is clearly room for improvement. The Sheriff stated “Our Office will continue to combine efforts with our partner police departments in Union County to combat the underage purchase and possession of alcohol. I encourage local businesses to learn and follow the laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages, as we plan to increase our enforcement efforts in this area”.

Locations alleged to have sold alcohol to the underage person:

1. Marathon – 2303 Morgan Mill Road, Monroe, NC
2. Walgreens – 1933 Dickerson Blvd, Monroe, NC
3. Takara – 2515 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC
4. Walgreens – 5455 Potter Road, Stallings, NC
5. Market Express 3 – 2824 Old Monroe Road, Stallings, NC
6. Indian Trail ABC Store – 5880 Suite 20, US 74, Indian Trail, NC
7. Market Express – 6732 Old Monroe Road, Indian Trail, NC
8. Gate – 14622 W. Lawyers Rd, Stallings, NC
9. Express Mart – 3826 Hwy 74 East, Wingate, NC
10. College Mart – 101 S. Main Street, Wingate, NC
11. Raceway Amoco 2 – 4005 Highway 74 East, Wingate, NC
12. Wingate ABC Store – 4104 East Highway 74, Wingate, NC
13. Harris Teeter – 13639 Providence Road, Weddington, NC
14. Walgreens – 5975 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC
15. Harris Teeter – 1351 Chestnut Lane Stallings, NC
16. Duey’s Stop and Shop 4 – 315 W. Main Street Waxhaw, NC
17. Waxhaw ABC Store – 1305 N. Broome Street Waxhaw, NC
18. Fill Good – 2538 Cuthbertson Road, Waxhaw, NC
19. Hickory Tavern – 6400 Monroe Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC
20. Kangaroo – 1804 Morgan Mill Road, Monroe, NC
21. Sunny Food – 1800 Walkup Ave, Monroe, NC
22. Food Lion – 801 East Roosevelt Boulevard, Monroe, NC
23. Marathon – 2303 Morgan Mill Road, Monroe, NC

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