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Beer 'Sting' Nets 9 Businesses

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department, the Lake City Police Department, and the Oliver Springs Police Department teamed up with the Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County (ASAP) to conduct compliance checks of local businesses who sell beer. On Wednesday, September 7, and Tuesday, September 13, investigators with the Sheriff's Special Operations Unit, officers with the Lake City and Oliver Springs Police Departments, and representatives from ASAP visited twenty-nine businesses to attempt to purchase beer. Nine sold beer to the underage person. Of these nine, six actually checked the identification showing the person to be under 21 but sold beer anyway. Three did not check the identification at all.

The following businesses checked for identification but sold beer to the underage person:

Downtown Marathon	Main Street	Oliver Springs
Food City	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Ginger's Deli & Grocery	Briceville Hwy.	Briceville
La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant	N. Main St.	Lake City
Norwood Marathon	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Smokes & Boats	Clinton Hwy.	Powell

The following businesses did not check for identification before selling beer:

Citgo #84 (Big John's Market)	Lake City Hwy.	Lake City
Picante Mexican Grill	Winter Gap Rd.	Oliver Springs
Raceway	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs

Those clerks who sold beer to the underage purchasers have been cited to court and the beer permit holders will also be brought before the respective beer boards for Anderson County, Lake City, or Oliver Springs.

Businesses who checked for identification and did not sell beer are to be commended and recognized for their efforts.

The followings businesses checked for identification and did not sell beer to the underage purchaser:

Al's Market	New River Hwy.	Briceville
Bread Box	Edgemoor Rd.	Powell
Dollar General Store	Laker Ln.	Lake City
Dollar General Store	W. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Dollar General Store	Edgemoor Rd.	Powell
Duane's Truck Stop	Lake City Hwy.	Lake City
Edgemoor BP	Edgemoor Rd.	Clinton
Exxon	N. Main St.	Lake City
Kwik Shop #25	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Mapco Express	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Marathon (Buzz-N-Market)	Oak Ridge Hwy.	Clinton
Marathon Market	N. Main St.	Lake City
Pilot #314	N. Main St.	Lake City
Pizza Hut	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Rite Aid	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Shell	N. Main St.	Lake City
Shell	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Volunteer X-Press #1	Lake City Hwy.	Lake City
Von's Market	E. Wolf Valley Rd.	Heiskell
Weigles #73	Weigles Ln.	Lake City

Other businesses with beer permits were either closed or otherwise not open when the compliance checks were conducted.

"Consistent compliance checks are a proven method of decreasing youth access to alcohol," said Stephanie Armbrister Strutner, Executive Director for ASAP. *"Every day, at least three teens die from drinking and driving; at least six youth under 21 die each day from non-driving alcohol-related causes,"* continued Strutner. *"ASAP is pleased to have strong law enforcement partners in the community that take underage drinking seriously."*

For additional information on preventing underage drinking, please visit:

www.ASAPofAnderson.org

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