



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

**ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**SHERIFF PAUL N. WHITE**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Beer 'Sting' Nets Six Businesses**

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Lake City Police Department, the Oliver Springs Police Department, and Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County (ASAP), conducted compliance checks of local businesses who sell beer on Thursday, February 20, and Friday, February 21.

Investigators with the Sheriff's Special Operations Unit visited twenty-four businesses to attempt to purchase beer. Six sold beer to the underage person. Two of the six businesses did not check identification showing the person to be under 21 and four did check but sold beer anyway. One on-premise business served the underage person but the server realized the age before the sale was completed.

The following businesses sold beer to the underage person.

Discount Tobacco Outlet	N. Main St.	Lake City
Fast Track Market #5	Lake City Hwy.	Lake City
LaFiesta Mexican Restaurant	N. Main St.	Lake City
Lee's Food Market	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Marathon (Main St.)	N. Main St.	Lake City
Pizza Hut	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs

The following business served but then did not sell to the underage person.

Riverview Grill	Oak Ridge Hwy.	Clinton
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Six clerks who sold beer to the underage purchasers have been cited to court. In one the case is under review. The beer permit holders will be brought before the respective beer boards for Anderson County, Lake City, and Oliver Springs.

Businesses who checked for identification and did not sell beer are to be commended and recognized for their efforts. All of the following businesses checked for identification and did **not** sell beer to the underage purchaser:

Anderson Discount Tobacco	Main St.	Oliver Springs
Bread Box	Edgemoor Rd.	Powell
Duane's Truck Stop	Lake City Hwy.	Lake City
Exxon	N. Main St.	Lake City
First & Last Chance	N. Main St.	Lake City
Food City	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Los Trios	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Mack's Discount Tobacco	Oak Ridge Hwy.	Clinton
Marathon (Edgemoor)	Edgemoor Rd.	Clinton
Marathon (Downtown)	Main St.	Oliver Springs
Norwood Marathon	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Pilot #314	N. Main St.	Lake City
Raceway	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Rite Aid	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Shell Fun Food	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Shell	N. Main St.	Lake City
Weigles #73	Weigles Ln.	Lake City

In the fall of 2013, the Anderson County Underage Drinking Task Force was established to create a platform for representatives from each municipality across Anderson County to address underage drinking issues. In collaboration with Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County, the Underage Drinking Task Force consists of community members representing beer boards, alcohol outlets, law enforcement officers, Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Commission and other government officials. Task Force members have been working diligently by analyzing policy and investigating best practices to prevent and reduce underage drinking.

The Underage Drinking Task Force meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the Board Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Robert Jolley Building at 101 South Main Street in Clinton. For more information about the Underage Drinking Task Force, please contact Michael Foster, Prevention Coordinator with ASAP at (865) 457-3007 or [Michael@ASAPofAnderson.org](mailto:Michael@ASAPofAnderson.org). By being proactive, local law enforcement agencies, along with the Underage Drinking Task Force, are creating a safer environment in Anderson County.

For additional information on preventing underage drinking, please visit:

[www.ASAPofAnderson.org](http://www.ASAPofAnderson.org)

**Sheriff Paul White**