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### OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Beer 'Sting' Nets Five Businesses

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Rocky Top 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 Monday, September 29.

Investigators with the Sheriff's Special Operations Unit visited twenty businesses to attempt to purchase beer. Five sold beer to the underage person. All twenty businesses checked for identification showing the person to be under 21 but the five sold beer anyway.

The following businesses sold beer to the underage person.

In & Out Market	Lake City Hwy.	Clinton
Lee's Food Mart	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Raceway	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Smokes & Things	Clinton Hwy.	Powell
Von's Market	E. Wolf Valley Rd.	Heiskell

Five clerks who sold beer to the underage purchasers have been cited to court. The beer permit holders will be brought before the respective beer boards for Anderson County 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
Exxon	N. Main St.	Rocky Top
Fast Lap Market (Town Talk)	Lake City Hwy.	Clinton
Food City	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Marathon (Mack's Tobacco)	Oak Ridge Hwy.	Clinton
Marathon (Edgemoor)	Edgemoor Rd.	Clinton

Marathon (Downtown)	Main St.	Oliver Springs
Marathon (Fast Track)	Lake City Hwy.	Rocky Top
Marathon (Rocky Top)	N. Main St.	Rocky Top
Pilot #314	N. Main St.	Rocky Top
Rite Aid	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Shell	N. Main St.	Rocky Top
Shell (Fun Food)	E. Tri-County Blvd.	Oliver Springs
Weigles #73	Weigles Ln.	Lake City

In 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**