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MEDIA RELEASE

Lake County Tobacco Compliance Checks

Last week, the Lake County Sheriff's Office concluded the second-round of tobacco compliance checks at tobacco selling businesses throughout Lake County. The compliance checks are intended to ensure businesses vending tobacco are not selling to anyone under the age of 18, and those falling under the jurisdiction of Lake County ordinances are not selling to anyone under the age of 21 (as of July 1, 2019, the state law now requires an age of 21 for anyone possessing tobacco, and distributors may only sell to those 21 or over).

Of the 67 establishments checked, only one failed the compliance check. In this instance, the clerk sold even after checking the identification of the minor.

Establishment / Clerk in Violation:

Establishment:

7-Eleven
37763 N Green Bay Road, Beach Park

Clerk:

Felinda H. Seymore, 26

Date of Sale: May 29, 2019

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "While even one failed compliance check is too many, I'm pleased the overwhelming majority of tobacco selling establishments refused to sell to underage buyers. An important responsibility of selling tobacco or alcohol is ensuring those buying the product are of legal age, and we will continue conducting compliance checks to ensure businesses are following the law."

The businesses checked include those within the jurisdiction of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, or communities which contract with the Sheriff's Office for policing services, not those within municipal city/village limits.

Sheriff Idleburg reminds the community all defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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