



Illinois Liquor Control Commission

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Liquor Control Commission OCTOBER 2013 Underage Compliance Report

CHICAGO – In **October**, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks at **243** businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited **55** licensees for violations of liquor control laws, resulting in an **77 percent** compliance rate (ie, licensees that complied with Illinois liquor laws and refused to serve underage customers). Operations were conducted in the following areas:

Jersey County – On October 2, 2013 an underage compliance detail was conducted in Chicago Heights by ILCC agents along with the Illinois State Police. 22 retailers were checked, of which five sold to minors. They were:

- J E M Bar, 121 W. Pearl St, Jerseyville;
- Murphy's 424, 424 E. Arch St, Jerseyville;
- Tri County Bowl, 207 Krause, Jerseyville;
- Medford Food Mart, 216 N. State St, Jerseyville;
- Mulligan's West, 818 W. Carpenter, Jerseyville.

Belvidere – On October 9, 2013 ILCC agents conducted underage alcohol checks in Belvidere. 13 retailers were checked, of which four sold to minors. They were:

- Pace Maker, 413 Southtowne Dr;
- C & D Waterfall, 141 S. Appleton Dr;
- Citgo Gas, 717 N. State St;
- House of Bottles, 1500 N. State St;
- Quick Stop, 1901 N. State St.

Venice/Granite City – Of the ten locations visited by ILCC agents during their underage alcohol checks in this area, the following two retailers sold to minors:

- Robin's Nest, 113 Slough Rd, Venice;
- Curly's Corner Market, 5527 Maryville Rd, Granite City.

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Montgomery County – On October 17, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and the Illinois State Police District 18 conducted alcohol underage checks in Montgomery County. Of the 26 licensees checked, 5 sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- Silver Dollar, 608 Elevator Street, Farmersville;
- Caddy Shack Sports Bar & Grill, 505 Main Street, Farmersville;
- The Uptown Saloon, 514 Elevator Street, Farmersville;
- Town Pump Bowl & Lounge, 100 W. Front Street, Nokomis;
- Casey's General Store, 221 W. State Street, Nokomis.

Alexander/Union Counties – On October 17, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and the Illinois State Police District 22 conducted alcohol underage checks in the counties of Alexander and Union. Of the 22 licensees checked, 5 sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- Blue Fish Liquors, 3010 Sycamore Street, Cairo;
- The Revlon, 7965 State Rt. 146, Jonesboro;
- Rossi's Mart, 200 North Front Street, Cobden;
- A J One Stop, 147 Vienna Street, Anna;
- Casey's General Store, 100 William Ferry Road, Jonesboro.

Stephenson County – On October 18, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and Stephenson County Sheriff's Office conducted alcohol underage checks. Of the 11 licensees checked, three sold alcohol to the ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- Lena Koa Campground, 10982 US Hwy 20 W, Lena;
- Yellow Creek Inn, 201 S Main St, Pearl City;
- Boco Self Serv Mini, 101 S Main St, Pearl City.

Granite City – On October 23, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission conducted alcohol underage checks in Granite City. Of the 30 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to the ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- Easy Stop, 3215 State Rt. 162, Granite City;
- Step-n-go, 3231 W. Chain of Rocks Rd, Granite City.

Fairview Heights and O'Fallon – On October 23, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and the Illinois State Police District 11 conducted alcohol underage checks in Fairview Heights and O'Fallon. conducted 30 Underage Alcohol Compliance Checks. Of the 30 licensees checked, five sold alcohol to the ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- Lotawata Creek, 311 Salem Place, Fairview Heights;
- Longhorn Steaks of Fairview Heights, 6115 N Illinois St, Fairview Heights;
- Sushi Tatsu, 5725 N Illinois St, Fairview Heights;
- BP Fairview Heights, 6400 N Illinois, Fairview Heights;
- Casey's General Store, 100 William Ferry Road, Jonesboro.

Highwood – On October 29, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and the Illinois State Police District 2 conducted alcohol underage checks in the city of Highwood. Of the 14 licensees checked, four sold alcohol to the ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- Highwood Lanes, 210 Green Bay Rd;
- Tacos El Norte, 118 Washington Ave;
- Bucky's Express, 1000 Sheridan Rd;
- Wooden Nickle, 440-450 Lakeview Ave.

Mt. Prospect – On October 29, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and the Mount Prospect Police Department conducted alcohol underage checks in Mount Prospect. Of the 13 licensees checked, two sold alcohol to the ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- Aldi, 730 East Rand Rd Highwood Lanes, 210 Green Bay Rd;
- Jay Liquors, 1728 W. Dempster.

Douglas County – On October 30, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and Douglas County Sheriff's Office conducted alcohol underage checks in Douglas County. Of the 17 licensees checked, four sold alcohol to the ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- Country Junction, 107 E Yates, Newman;
- Proud Mary's, 1003 E Southline Rd., Tuscola;
- Casey's General Store, 600 S Main St., Tuscola;
- Our Place Off of 45 126 N Oak St., Arcola.

McLean County – On October 30, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and Illinois Secretary of State Police District 3 conducted alcohol underage checks in cities of Chenoa, Downs, Heyworth, Lexington, Le Roy, and McLean. Of the 27 licensees checked, nine sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- The Brown Jug, 318 W. Cemetery, Chenoa;
- The Finish Line, 138 Veto, Chenoa;
- Casey's General Store #2851, 710 W. Cleveland, Heyworth;
- Coronas Mexican Grill, 501 W. Cleveland, Heyworth;
- Pit Row Sports Bar & Grill, 206 S. Vine St, Heyworth;
- Dat Bar, 402-406 Main Street, Lexington;
- Upper Tap, 217 W. Main Street, Lexington;
- D.J.'s Place, 106 N. Chestnut, Le Roy;
- Fast Stop, 204 N. Jefferson, Towanda.

Peoria County – On October 31, 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and Illinois State Police conducted underage compliance checks in the Peoria County area. Of the 27 licensees checked, five were cited for the sale of alcohol to a minor. Those licensees were:

- Shop N Save, 5001 N. Big Hollow Rd. Peoria;
- Osaka Japanese Sushi Bar & Hibachi, 5201 W War Memorial Dr. Peoria;
- Sav-A-Lot, 4425 N Prospect Rd, Peoria Heights;
- Super Liquors, 818 E War Memorial Dr. Peoria Heights;
- Walgreens, 1200 E War Memorial Dr. Peoria Heights.

This report is a result of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by ILCC agents, law enforcement officials, and volunteers from high schools and colleges. The teams randomly visit liquor stores, restaurants, and bars in communities around the state to check for ongoing compliance with state laws mandating that no liquor is sold to minors under the age of 21. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales. For information about the disposition of cases resulting from previous compliance checks, please visit the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's website at ILCC.illinois.gov.