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News Release

Sheriff's Tobacco Sales Compliance Check leads to warrant arrest

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The Sheriff's Office initiative to prevent sales of tobacco products to minors, led to 4 citations and one arrest last night. While Deputies were conducting compliance checks of local retail establishments in Pasadena, a clerk who was observed selling a tobacco product to the underage volunteer, refused to provide identification. The subject was detained for brief time while deputies attempted to confirm his identity. The subject was later identified and placed under arrest for an outstanding warrant. The uncooperative clerk was also issued a criminal citation.

Of the 10 businesses selected, four were issued criminal citations for selling tobacco products to a minor (a subject under the age of 18). Six businesses were found to be in compliance, by refusing to sell tobacco products to the underage volunteer.

Once again, the Sheriff's Office working in collaboration with the Anne Arundel Department of Health, took part in this initiative to address the high rates of tobacco sales to youth. This enforcement effort helps to promote responsible retailing in tobacco sales outlets, per the Department of Health. The Sheriff's Office will continue to deploy resources for this initiative through the upcoming months. Sheriff Bateman strongly encourages these retail establishments, to Check First, always ask for ID before getting the tobacco product off the shelf. For more information please visit www.NoTobaccoSalesToMinors.com.

The following businesses sold tobacco products to the Sheriff's Office underage volunteer:

7-11 3820 Mountain Rd. Pasadena, Md

Royal Farms 8551 Fort Smallwood Rd. Pasadena, Md

7-11 8539 Fort Smallwood Rd. Pasadena, Md

7-11 7753 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. Glen Burnie, Md

The following businesses were found to be in compliance:

EZ Quick Food Market 231 Mountain Rd. Pasadena, Md

7-11 4730 Mountain Rd. Pasadena, Md

Royal Farms 4500 Mountain Rd. Pasadena, Md

Shell 8449 Fort Smallwood Rd. Pasadena, Md

Dash In (Shell) 8695 Fort Fort Smallwood Rd. Pasadena, Md

Luckies 7713 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. Glen Burnie, Md