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News Release

Sheriff's Office completes two more compliance checks in February

February 2017 Compliance Checks

The Sheriff's Office initiative to prevent sales of tobacco products to minors yielded 8 violations, bringing the total of citations issued during the month of February to 12. Of the 31 businesses that were checked, 12 clerks at individual retail establishments sold tobacco products to the underage minor. The Sheriff's Office would like to remind local retail establishments that proper training is needed to educate their clerks on the risks of selling tobacco products to minors. Sheriff Bateman believes this initiative with the Health Department plays an important role in helping our youth avoid an early dependence to nicotine products; a 38% failure rate for the month of February is alarming. Sheriff Bateman is asking local retail establishments to work with the Health Department and promote responsible retailing of tobacco sales.

Once again, the Sheriff's Office in collaboration with the Anne Arundel Department of Health, took part in this initiative to address the high rates of tobacco sales to youth. The Sheriff's Office will continue to deploy resources for this initiative through the upcoming months. Sheriff Bateman strongly encourages retail establishments to Check First, and always ask for ID before getting a 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 February 13 and February 20, 2017.

Exxon 1501 Ritchie Highway
BP 945 Ritchie Highway
Shell 601 Ritchie Highway
Shell 8078 Ritchie Highway
Quest 8100 Ritchie Highway
Highs 158 Old Mill Bottom Rd
Bay Mart 68 Old Mill Bottom Rd
7-11 E. College Parkway

The following businesses were found to be in compliance:

7-11 951 Ritchie Highway
Royal Farms 517 Ritchie Highway
Citgo 8355 Ritchie Highway
Lowest Price 8244 Ritchie Highway

Exxon 8101 Ritchie Highway
7-11 162 Ritchie Highway
Walgreens 496 Ritchie Highway
Exxon 518 Ritchie Highway
7-11 7600 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd
7-11 600 Ritchie Highway
Rite Aid 25 Jones Station Rd
Sunoco 1506 Ritchie Highway
Shell 1318 Cape St. Claire Rd