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Media Release

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Re: Underage Alcohol Sales and Compliance Checks – September 2018

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On 09-26-18, undercover detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office conducted Compliance Checks and Alcohol Buys at various locations throughout Hernando County. A total of 24 locations were visited throughout the evening.

At the conclusion of the operation, 16 clerks **did not permit** the sale of alcoholic beverages to the underage customer, successfully following the law. Clerks at eight businesses **did allow** the underage customer to purchase an alcoholic beverage, a violation of the Florida Beverage Law, F.S.S. 562.11.

The offenders are mandated to complete Responsible Vendor Training (RVT), an online course which is administered by the Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition, within 30 days of the violation. The course reinforces the importance of responsible alcohol and tobacco sales and service, reviews Florida beverage laws and demonstrates practices on how to prevent alcohol sales to underage persons.

Stores in VIOLATION (allowed the sale of alcohol to underage person) were as follows:

- **Super Discount Beverage and Smoke Shop** – 814 South Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Circle K** – 3275 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Quick Mart** – 478 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **E-Z Stop Discount Beverage** – 379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Deep Blue Liquor** – 102 County Line Road, Brooksville, FL
- **Aldi** – 12261 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **Winn Dixie** – 6270 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL
- **Sunoco** – 7170 Barclay Avenue, Spring Hill, FL.

Stores in COMPLIANCE (did not allow the sale of alcohol to underage person) were as follows:

- **APlus Mini Market** – 765 South Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Mobil** – 717 South Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Marathon** – 7410 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **7-11** – 18226 Powell Road, Spring Hill, FL
- **Speedway** – 75 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Publix Liquor Store** – 13449 County Line Road, Brooksville, FL
- **Speedway** – 100 County Line Road, Spring Hill, FL
- **Super Star Discount Store** – 10243 County Lin Road, Spring Hill, FL
- **Beverage 50 Liquor** – 16370 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **A & H Discount Beverage** – 7232 Brookridge Central Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **Circle K** – 13077 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **Circle K** – 16227 Deltona Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL
- **Marathon** – 9202 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL
- **Racetrac** – 9410 Cortez Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL
- **Glen Lakes Liquors** – 9605 Commercial Way, Brooksville, FL.
- **Wawa** – 12984 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL.

More operations of this nature are planned for the future.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.