



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**Re:** Underage Alcohol Sales and Compliance Checks – May-2019

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On 05-16-19, undercover detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office conducted Compliance Checks and Alcohol Buys at various locations throughout Hernando County. A total of 21 locations were visited throughout the evening.

At the conclusion of the operation, 12 clerks **did not permit** the sale of alcoholic beverages to the underage customer, successfully following the law. Clerks at nine 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:**

- **Marathon** – 600 E. Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Chevron** – 10455 N. Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Citgo** – 19275 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **Citgo** – 709 S. Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Mobil** – 5244 Mariner Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL
- **A & J Discount Beverage** – 5574 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL
- **Mobil** – 6200 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL
- **Beverage 50** – 16370 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **7-Eleven** – 7170 Barclay Avenue, Brooksville, FL.

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

- **Circle K** – 999 N. Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Brooksville Food Store** – 955 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL
- **Mobil** – 717 S. Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Sunoco** – 765 S. Broad Street, Spring Hill, FL
- **Super Discount Beverage and Smoke Shop** – 814 S. Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Wawa** – 20075 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **Marathon** – 7410 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL
- **Racetrac** – 16129 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **A & H Discount Beverage** – 7232 Brookridge Central Boulevard, Brooksville, FL
- **Mobil** – 4275 Mariner Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL
- **Winn Dixie** – 4213 Mariner Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL
- **7-Eleven** – 15130 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.**