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Twelve of 17 Myrtle Creek licensees pass OLCC minor sales check

Twelve of 17 Myrtle Creek area licensed liquor businesses refused to sell alcohol to a minor during a compliance check on Feb. 8 conducted by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the Myrtle Creek Police Department.

Four OLCC inspectors, Myrtle Creek police and three minor volunteers performed the minor-decoy compliance check as required by statute as well as part of the agency's effort to curtail drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state.

The following licensees passed the check by refusing to sell alcoholic beverages to the minor volunteer: Quick Stop Motel & Market, 6453 Dole Rd; Soco Coffee Company, 411 N. Main St.; North Main Mini Mart, 340 N. Main St.; South County Market, 231 Main St.; Historic Town Tavern, 129 N. Main St.; Perees Restaurant and Lounge, 335 N. Main; 1 Am Market, 320 N. Main St.; Freeway Chevron, 392 Riddle Rd.; Rays Shop Smart Food Warehouse #29, 498 S. Pacific Hwy.; Wiggins Country Market, 1060 Old Pacific Hwy.; Hillcrest Food Mart, 888 S. Main St. and Rays Food Place #17 on Hwy 99 S.

The following licensees failed the compliance check: Myrtle Creek Chevron, 311 N. Main St.; Smokes & More, 674 S. Main St.; Schuchard's Super Y Mini Mart, 641 & 643 N. Myrtle Rd; Country Club Tavern, 172 Pacific Hwy. and Gills Food Mart, 118 N. Pacific Hwy.

During the compliance check, the minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from licensees or their employees to determine if they are properly checking identification and obeying state law prohibiting alcohol sales to anyone under 21 years old. The minors are supervised by OLCC inspectors or other law officers, carry their own legal ID and are advised not to disguise their age or encourage the sale of alcohol. The businesses involved in the checks are selected at random through a scientific computer program or have been targeted due to prior alcohol sales to minors.

Servers and bartenders or licensees whose employees provide alcohol to the minor or fail to verify their age, are subject to OLCC administrative sanctions including fines or license suspensions. Store clerks who sell are subject to criminal charges and at least a \$350 fine.

The OLCC provides a free training course once a month on how to check ID's, identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities include training for store clerks and service permit holders.

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