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Four Establishments Cited for Selling to Minors

SPRINGFIELD – Four Jacksonville establishments were cited on Thursday, January 22, 2009 for liquor license violations after they allegedly sold alcohol to minors as part of an undercover operation conducted by Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) agents and the Illinois State Police.

During Thursday's operation, four of 13 establishments checked sold alcohol to underage minors, including:

- Mac's Convenience Stores LLC Circle K #1228 (1 count) 1727 S Main St
- A-1 Food Mart (1 count) 2nd Offense 302 W Morton St.
- Clark Store (1 count) 1720 W Morton St.
- Our Bar (2 counts) 216 E State St.

All were cited by agents and each will be referred to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission for action. The penalties for selling alcohol to minors can include fines and/or liquor license suspension or revocation.

"Under-age drinking is a serious problem," said Lainie Krozel, Executive Director of the ILCC. "Licensees need to take responsibility for checking the identification on these kids."

The undercover operations are part of ongoing statewide checks made throughout the year to assure compliance with the law that prohibits the sale of alcohol to minors.