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Urbana Establishments Cited for Selling Liquor to Minors

SPRINGFIELD – Three Urbana establishments were cited between February 21 and 23, 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 Urbana Police Department. One establishment was also cited for happy hour violations and failure to notify the ILCC when they changed their hours of operation.

During the operations, three of the 10 establishments checked sold alcohol to underage minors:

88 Broadway, 300 S. Broadway, Urbana
Geo's, 604 N. Cunningham, Urbana
Brickhouse, 1901 Highcross Rd, Urbana

The establishments were cited by agents and 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.