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MARION – Nine establishments in Franklin and Williamson counties have been cited 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 Illinois State Police.

Nine Establishments Cited for Selling to Minors

As part of Monday's operation, nine of 38 establishments checked sold alcohol to underage minors, including:

One Stop	920 West Main Street	West City
CVS Pharmacy	3 North Rend Lake Plaza	West City
Applebee's	120 North Street	West City
Huck's	900 North Grand	Johnston City
Johnston City BP	709 North Grand	Johnston City
Russell Oil Co.	1100 West Broadway	Johnston City
Casey's General Store	502 South Victor	Christopher
Lake Of Egypt Supermarket	12424 Lake Road	Marion
Heartland Liquors	1802 Bittle Place	Marion

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.

"We undertake these operations because under-age drinking is a serious problem," said Lainie Krozel, Executive Director of the ILCC. "There is no excuse for our licensees not checking identification before they sell alcohol."

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. During the month of September, agents visited 100 establishments and issued 30 citations for sale of alcohol to minors.