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ST. CHARLES PARISH BUSINESS COMPLIANCE CHECKS

On Friday February 13th, the Juvenile Investigations Division assisted by other members of the Criminal Investigations Bureau of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an alcohol and tobacco compliance check at businesses in St. Charles Parish who engage in the sale of alcohol, tobacco, or other types of products containing nicotine. During the operation, a total of twelve misdemeanor summons were issued at eleven different businesses for selling either alcohol, tobacco, or other types of products containing nicotine to individuals who were not of the proper age to purchase these products.

The following is a list of the businesses who sold tobacco products or products containing nicotine to individuals who were under the age of eighteen:

St. Rose Travel Center (10401 US61 in St. Rose)
Dollar General (10800 LA48 in St. Rose)
Lakewood Shell (12139 US90 in Luling)
985 Vapors (124 Longview Drive Suite #13 in Destrehan)
Big River Food and Fuel (13470 LA48 in Destrehan)
Big River Food and Fuel (878 Marino Drive in Norco)
Corner Market (12609 US61 in Destrehan)

The penalty for the unlawful sale of tobacco, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to persons under the age of 18 (La.R.S. 14:91.8) is a fine not more than \$50 for the first violation, not more than \$100 for the second violation, not more than \$250 for the third violation, and not more than \$400 for any subsequent violation.

The following is a list of the businesses who sold alcoholic beverages to individuals who were under the age of twenty-one:

Big River Food and Fuel (878 Marino Drive in Norco)
Pit Stop 2 (12205 US90 in Luling)
Birdies (15226 US90 in Paradis)
Big River Food and Fuel (15255 US90 in Paradis)
Des Allemands Cheap Smokes (17176 US90 in Des Allemands)

The penalty for the unlawful sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21 (La.R.S. 14:93.11) is a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1000 or imprisoned for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both.

Also, there were numerous other businesses that were visited and were found to be IN COMPLIANCE. The clerk's at these businesses DENIED the sale of alcohol, tobacco, or other types of products containing nicotine to the underage individual. Those businesses are listed as follows:

**Shell (13514 US90 in Boutte)
Shell (13869 LA18 in Luling)
Big River Food and Fuel (10326 US61 in St. Rose)
Brother's Food Mart (10431 US61 in St. Rose)
Racetrac (521 LA50 in St. Rose)
River Discount (10696 LA48 in St. Rose)
Murphy USA (12953 US90 in Boutte)
WalMart (13005 US90 in Boutte)
Circle K (1960 Ormond Boulevard in Destrehan)
Winn Dixie (12519 US61 in Destrehan)
Big River Food and Fuel (14190 LA48 in Destrehan)
Friendly's Food Store (14614 LA48 in New Sarpy)
Citgo (1364 LA52 in Luling)
Shell (10399 LA18 in Ama)
Winn Dixie (12125 US90 in Luling)
Circle K (13366 Us90 in Boutte)
Champion's Exxon (14130 US90 in Boutte)
Racetrac (14178 US90 in Boutte)**