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TWO ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDE ALCOHOL TO MINORS DURING SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATION

On Friday April 25, 2008, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Special Investigations Section conducted a compliance check regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages to individuals less than twenty-one years of age. Individuals who are less than twenty-one years of age were instructed to attempt to purchase alcohol while under the direct supervision of Sheriff's Deputies. The individuals participating in the compliance checks were instructed to enter each establishment, obtain an alcoholic beverage and attempt to purchase the alcohol without providing any form of identification. In the event that identification was requested, the individuals were instructed to tell the clerk that they did not have identification on their person or present their valid identification. The liquor investigation was conducted at each of the fifty-four (54) establishments that are licensed to sell packaged alcoholic beverages in the City of Centennial and unincorporated Arapahoe County.

During the investigation, two (2) establishments sold alcohol to individuals who were less than twenty-one years of age, while Sheriff's Deputies observed the transactions. The establishments are:

Europa Liquors	8727 East Dry Creek Road
Peoria Wine and Spirits	6631 South Peoria Street

Employees who are alleged to have sold alcohol during the compliance check investigation have been charged with the following violation:

C.R.S. 12-47-901 Unlawful Acts – Sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor, a class 2 misdemeanor.

A class 2 misdemeanor is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration at the County Jail for 3 to 12 months and/or a fine of \$250 to \$1,000.

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The information regarding the investigation into the sale of alcoholic beverages to those less than twenty-one years of age will be presented to the City of Centennial Liquor Authority, which is responsible for the administration and regulation of liquor licenses within the City of Centennial. The Centennial Liquor Authority has the authority to impose sanctions upon establishments alleged to have provided alcohol to individuals less than twenty-one years of age, which could include fines, suspension of the liquor license or revocation of the liquor license.

The People of Arapahoe County, the City of Centennial and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office are concerned about the use of alcohol by the young people of our community. The combination of youth and alcoholic beverages typically results in problems in a young person's life, stress in family relationships, poor academic achievement and is often the cause of injury or death. Effective intervention measures related to the unlawful use of alcoholic beverages require a cooperative effort by the entire community to ensure a safe and productive environment for our youth.

For additional information, please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165

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