



Press Release

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On May 15th, 2007, an Alcohol Compliance Enforcement Check was conducted. 43 different retail establishments were checked in the unincorporated County. The checks involved a minor working under the supervision of plain clothes detectives attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages from these businesses. Of the 43 businesses checked only 10 sold in violation of state law. This results in a 23% non-compliance rate.

The following businesses sold alcoholic beverages in violation of state law and citations were issued to the offending clerks.

Island Market 3403 Steamboat Island Rd. NW

Restover Truck Stop 2725 93rd Ave. SW

Village Mart 3210 Cooper Pt. Rd. NW

Scott Lake Grocery 11315 Scott Creek Dr. SW

Rochester Mercantile 10145 State Route 12 SW

Texaco Food Mart (Short Stop) 6212 197th Ave. SW

Union Mills Grocery 7431 Pacific Ave. SE

Nisqually Valley Shell 10222 Martin Way E.

Tri-Lake Market 8031 Yelm Hwy. SE

Evergreen Valley Grocery 9347 Yelm Hwy. SE

In 2006, a 39 store compliance check in April resulted in a 43% non-compliance rate. A follow-up sting in July, 2006 resulted in only a 22% non-compliance rate. The rate this year is encouraging and we are hopeful these operations will continue to control alcohol availability to our children. However, 23% is still way to high and we will continue to conduct these operations until we can get the non-compliance rate to "0".

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