



# News Release

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## County-wide Alcohol compliance check nets 16 violations

Detectives in partnership with the Liquor Control Board and in cooperation with the Yelm and Tenino Police Departments visited 52 establishments on 2/1/2008 to test their compliance with the laws on sale of alcoholic beverages by having adult minor agents attempt to buy alcoholic beverages under the direct supervision of undercover officers. 16 citations were issued to employees of the following establishments for unlawful sale of alcohol to a minor.

Littlerock Grocery 6410 128<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W.  
Rochester Mercantile 10145 Hwy 12 S.W.  
Chevron Food Mart Hwy 12 Rochester  
Liquor Agency #581 19947 Old Hwy 99 Rochester  
Crescent Grocery 21828 Old Hwy. 99 Centralia  
Short Stop Grocery 6212 197<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. Rochester  
B & B Grocery 7706 Old Hwy. 99 Tumwater  
Villa Grove Grocery 9200 Littlerock Rd.. S.W.  
Restover Truck Stop 2725 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.W.  
Whistle Stop 12745 Old Hwy. 99 S.E. Tenino  
4 Corners Store 11500 Bald Hills Rd. S.E. Yelm  
Tenino Corner Grocery 319 Wichman St. Tenino  
Nisqually Shell 10222 Martin Way E  
Nisqually Rez mart 12827 Yelm Hwy SE  
South Union Grocery 10043 Tilley Rd. S.E.  
Rainier Mini Mart 207 Binghampton St West Rainier

This is a 31 % non-compliance rate which is totally unacceptable to us. In two cases, the minor agent bought a container of 6.6% alcohol energy drink called "Tilt". This is one of the new energy/alcohol drinks mentioned in the recent Together news release that is of concern to those of us battling youth alcohol use.

We will be continuing with these efforts to bring the non-compliance rate down. More of these operations can be anticipated. We are hoping this reminder will get store owners to redouble their efforts to prevent their employees from selling alcohol to minors.

Chief Criminal Deputy Jim Chamberlain