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**Lancaster Police Department and Fairfield County Sheriff's Office
Conduct Alcohol Compliance Checks**

In a joint effort to combat the sale of alcohol to underage persons, members of the Lancaster Police Department and Fairfield County Sheriff's Office teamed with the Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County Coalition and conducted compliance checks with Lancaster area businesses on Thursday, June 3, 2010.

Confidential informants (CI's) were used to purchase alcohol products. The CI's appropriately represent their age and were purposely instructed not to alter their appearance to look older. During the latest operation, four (4) out of ten (10) local businesses sold alcohol to undercover operatives. The following are a list of those businesses and employees in violation during the latest operation:

- Speedway Super America, LLC located at 508 N. Memorial Dr.
Lancaster, OH
 - Attendant – Cheryl L. Thornton (Age – 30) was charged with the sale of alcohol to an underage person.
- Speedway Super America LLC located at 1470 E. Main St. Lancaster, OH
 - Attendant – Lisa R. Loy (Age – 38) was charged with the sale of tobacco products to an underage person.
- Macs Convenience Stores, LLC (Circle K) located at 907 E. Main St.
Lancaster, OH
 - Attendant – Kylie N. Lanthorn (Age – 28) was charged with the sale of alcohol to an underage person.
- Ohio CVS Stores, LLC (CVS Pharmacy) located at 111 S. Memorial Dr.
Lancaster, OH

- Attendant – Joshua A. Schwieterman (Age – 23) was charged with both the sale of alcohol and the sale of tobacco products to an underage person.

The sale of alcohol products to underage persons (Ohio Revised Code – 4301.69) is a misdemeanor of the first degree, which carries a maximum penalty of six (6) months in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,000.00. The sale of tobacco products to underage persons (Ohio Revised Code – 2927.02 (B) (1)) is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, which carries a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$250.00. Additionally, businesses found in violation of the law are reported to the Ohio Department of Public Safety Investigative Unit and may face additional administrative fines, fees, or sanctions.

Responsible beverage and tobacco service is not only a necessity to curb underage consumption, but also a duty to the community-at-large, and most importantly it is the law. If any question exists with regard to the age or sobriety of the customer, they should be asked for proper identification or the sale should not be completed. The Lancaster Police Department and Fairfield County Sheriff's Office remain committed to ensuring local compliance of applicable Ohio liquor laws, as well as providing a safe and secure community for all of our citizens.

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