

## Out of 21, nine Walla Walla businesses sold alcohol to minors during compliance checks

OLYMPIA – On May 1, 2014 nine Walla Walla businesses failed alcohol compliance checks conducted by the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB). Officers checked 21 businesses for sales/service of alcohol to minors.

The nine businesses were cited for selling alcohol to investigative aides working with officers.

## **Compliance checks**

The WSLCB and local authorities regularly conduct compliance checks of area businesses licensed to sell alcohol. These businesses include restaurants, grocery stores, liquor stores, neighborhood markets, taverns, wine bars and sports/entertainment facilities. Compliance checks are proven tools to reduce the sale of alcohol to minors.

Investigative aides assist officers with compliance checks. These individuals are from 18 to 20 years old. They must either present their true identification or none at all if asked by a clerk.

Liquor enforcement officers are empowered to issue Administrative Violation Notices to businesses that fail compliance checks. Fines or temporary license suspensions can be issued depending on the severity of the infraction or the frequency with which a business has been cited.

## Businesses that sold alcohol to a minor:

- 1. K Vintners, 36 S Spokane St
- 2. Public House 124, 124 E Main St
- 3. El Sol Market, 22 N 5th Ave
- 4. Stardust Lanes, 330 S 2nd Ave
- 5. Bowlaway Lanes, 411 Ash St
- 6. Mill Creek Brewpub, 11 S Palouse
- 7. Laht Neppur Ale House, 53 S Spokane St
- 8. Stone Hut, 1427 Plaza Way
- 9. Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1604 Plaza Way

## Businesses that did not sell alcohol to a minor:

- 1. Vista Shell Gas Station, 2112 E Isaacs Ave
- 2. Safeway Store #307, 215 Rose St E
- 3. Zip Zone, 110 9th Ave S
- 4. Thai Ploy Restaurant, 311 S 9th Ave
- 5. Shari's of Walla Walla, 814 W Chestnut St
- 6. The Brik, 1415 Plaza Way
- 7. Sapolil Cellars, 15 E Main St
- 8. Red Monkey Downtown Lounge, 25 W Alder
- 9. Ming Court, 1533 E Isaacs Ave
- 10. La Ramada, 1708 Isaacs Ave
- 11. Pacific Express Restaurant & Lounge, 435 Ash St
- 12. Circle K 6051, 315 N. 2nd

