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Alcohol Compliance Checks Conducted in Buffalo County

Kearney Police Department Investigators conducted alcohol compliance checks at area businesses in Kearney while Investigators from the Nebraska State Patrol simultaneously conducted alcohol compliance checks at additional businesses in Kearney as well as outside the city limits in Buffalo County.

In total, 69 businesses were inspected and five of these businesses sold alcohol to a minor for a compliance rate of 93%. All businesses that sold alcohol to a minor were referred to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and the clerks that sold the alcohol were cited for procuring alcohol for a minor. KPD completed 3 of the inspections that resulted in the sale to a minor while NSP completed 2 of these inspections.

The businesses that failed the inspections were Pump and Pantry #30 in Elm Creek as well as the following businesses in Kearney: Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh, Pump and Pantry #40, Margaritas Family and Tradition, and Kwik Stop #11.

These inspections were planned and coordinated between the Kearney Police Department, Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, and Nebraska State Patrol. These inspections were supported and/or funded by Buffalo County Community Health Partners, Project Extra Mile, and the Nebraska Department of Transportation – Highway Safety Office.

"The safety of the citizens in this community is of great importance to KPD and deterring local businesses from selling alcohol to youth, greatly improves our chances of achieving this goal. I appreciate the partnership between KPD, BCSO, NSP along with Buffalo County Community Partners, Project Extra Mile, and the Highway Safety Office with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. This is truly a group effort in keeping the youth of this community protected".
Lieutenant Gabe Kowalek

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