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## **123 NYC CONVENIENCE STORES CAUGHT IN MASSIVE UNDERAGE SWEEP SLA Conducts Over 200 Targeted Compliance Checks in Largest Sting in Agency History**

**New York, NY** – The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) today announced the results from the largest underage sting operation ever conducted in the agency's history. SLA investigators sent underage volunteer decoys into 212 licensed groceries in all five New York City boroughs. In total, the decoys were able to purchase alcohol at 123 of the premises, including 38 of 48 groceries in the Bronx, 27 of 46 in Brooklyn, 37 of 49 in Manhattan, 17 of 59 in Queens, and 4 of 10 on Staten Island.

The underage sting was conducted from August 15 through August 17, 2011. The SLA targeted specific convenience stores and neighborhoods found to have a high activity of selling to minors. At many locations, no proof of ID was requested. At other locations, the decoys were asked to provide their birth dates or to provide IDs. Eighty-nine convenience store clerks and licensees properly refused to sell to the decoys.

"Cracking down on underage sales is a priority for the State Liquor Authority," said SLA Chairman Dennis Rosen. "These large-scale sweeps will continue, and groceries should understand that when they sell to minors they are putting their license and their livelihood in jeopardy."

Licensees charged with underage sales face civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation, with fines starting at \$2,500 to \$3,000 for a first time offense. Repeat offenders also face potential suspension or revocation of their licenses. In addition, employees or licensees who sell to minors can be charged with a misdemeanor.

The businesses charged with sales to minors are:

## **BRONX**

BEST WAY MINI MARKET, 685 MORRIS PARK AVENUE  
PJ MINI MARKET, 600 MORRIS PARK AVENUE  
3D DELI GROCERY, 654 MORRIS PARK  
NANA FOOD CENTER, 460 QUINCY AVENUE  
IZZY'S DELI, 3001 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
LEHIGH WINES & LIQUORS, 2929 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
MATANZA DELI GROCERY, 4027 A LACOMBE AVENUE  
S A LACONIA, 3952 LACONIA AVENUE  
SABA CANDY & GROCERY, 1623 WINCHESTER AVENUE  
1614 BROTHER GROCERY LLC, 1614 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
1601 WESTCHESTER  
BARCELONA DELI & GROCERY, 1601 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
STRATFORD DELI GROCERY, 1208 STRATFORD AVENUE  
1539 BOYNTON DELI & GROCERY, 1539 BOYNTON AVENUE  
QUICK SERVICE INC, 1521 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
ELDER AVE CORP, 1206 ELDER AVENUE  
1502 WESTCHESTER AVE WINES & LIQUORS, 1502 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
AAA CANDY GROCERY, 1497 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
GOOD DAY DELI GROCERY CORP, 1209 WHEELER AVENUE  
ARAUJO #2 DELI GROCERY, 1480 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
G & H PETROLEUM CORP, 600 PELHAM PARKWAY  
SANTA GROCERY INC, 2009 CRUGER AVENUE  
825 MORRIS PARK DELI INC, 825 MORRIS PARK AVENUE  
THREE FAMILY GROCERY, 2444 E. TREMONT AVENUE  
GONZA DELI GROCERY CORP, 2764 LATTING STREET  
P & G NEWS, 3742 E. TREMONT AVENUE  
LMB DELI GROCERY INC, 475 CASTLE HILL AVENUE  
LACOMBE DELI & GROCERY, 1918 LACOMBE AVENUE  
PETERAY DELI GROCERY CORP, 1182 HOME STREET  
ALAN DELI GROCERY, 798 E. 170<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
JC MORE INC, 794 PROSPECT AVENUE  
823 GOURMET GROCERY INC, 823 FREEMAN STREET  
1240 DELI GROCERY CORP, 1240 UNION AVENUE  
PROSPECT MINI MART, 820 E. 168<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CLAREMONT WINES & LIQUOR, 3826 THIRD AVENUE  
GERMAN GROCERY, 221 E. 170 STREET  
J & M GROCERY, 759 GERALD AVENUE  
STADIUM GOURMET DELI, 109 E. 161<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
LIBERATE MEAT & FRUIT MARKET, 205 E. 167<sup>TH</sup> STREET

## **BROOKLYN**

FRANKLIN #3 DELI, 110 NOSTRAND AVENUE  
VILLA TAPIA GROCERY CORP, 128 NOSTRAND AVENUE

MARCY MINI MARKET, 158 MYRTLE AVENUE  
NUNEZ GROCERY, 163 NOSTRAND AVENUE  
DISCOUNT LIQUOR & WINES, 369 NOSTRAND AVENUE  
NBA DELI GROCERY, 496 NOSTRAND AVENUE  
NOSTRAND DELI & GROCERY, 479 NOSTRAND AVENUE  
444 MARCUS GARVEY BLVD, 444 MARCUS GARVEY BLVD.  
SAMMY DELI GROCERY, 471 MARCUS GARVEY BLVD.  
PRIME TIME DELI & GROCERY, 374 RALPH AVENUE  
536 SUPER DELI GROCERY CORP, 536 RALPH AVENUE  
ABC LIQUORS, 1647 ST. JOHNS PLACE  
PERALTA GROCERY, 578 RALPH AVENUE  
BURGOS GROCERY, 1588 ST. JOHNS PLACE  
TWO DELI GROCERY CROP, 140 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE  
ARLENYS GROCERY DELI, 391 LIBERTY AVENUE  
FRANNSIELY GROCERY, 536 LIBERTY AVENUE  
LEANDRO FOOD CENTER, 630 LIBERTY AVENUE  
ANGELIC GROCERY & DELI, 305 JEROME STREET  
FULTON DELI GROCERY, 1589 FULTON AVENUE  
GARFIELD FARM MARKET INC, 156 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
D'VINE TASTE, 150 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
DELI MARKET, 1201 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
ELEVENTH STREET DELI MARKET, 1021 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
KIM'S FRUIT & VEGETABLE, 313 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
BR BR BR, 7201 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE  
GROCERY & DELI, 7826 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE

## **MANHATTAN**

S.A.S., 1371 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE  
MARKET DELI, 1388 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE  
FARMER'S MARKET, 1458 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE  
THIRD AVE GARDEN, 1620 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE  
NEW YORK, 1628 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE  
DELI ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE, 1650 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE  
SOHO MINI MARKET, 213 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
QUICK STOP DELI, 251 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
HUDSON GOURMET, 514 HUDSON STREET  
H AND H, 471 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
GOURMET DELI, 154 W. 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
TRI-RITE DELI, 353 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
ANDY'S DELI, 106 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SOUTH  
HERCULES FANCY GROCERY, 27 ½ MORTON STREET  
CHO'S GROCERY, 37A BEDFORD STREET  
JN NATURAL FRUITS CORP, 202 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
DELION GOURMET DELI, 729 BROADWAY  
HANS DELI, 645 BROADWAY  
78 W 3<sup>RD</sup> ST DELI, 78 W. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET  
UNIVERSITY PLACE GOURMET DELI, 116 UNIVERSITY PLACE-  
SANTIAGO FOOD MARKET, 1474 ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE

LA FAMILIA GROCERY, 1471 ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE  
187 FOOD ASSOCIATES, 1536 ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE  
C & B CONVENIENCE STORE, 248 E. 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
14<sup>TH</sup> STREET DELI GROCERY CORP, 353 E. 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
SAMS DELI, 123 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE  
EAST VILLAGE CONVENIENCE, 124 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE  
ST. MARKS CONVENIENCE INC, 31 ST. MARKS PLACE  
ROBIN RAJ CORP, 114 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE  
EAST VILLAGE GOURMET DELI, 217 AVENUE A  
ZARAGOSA MEXICAN DELI, 215 AVENUE A  
SUNNY & ANNIE GOURMET DELI, 94 AVENUE B  
7<sup>TH</sup> STREET VILLAGE FARM INC, 113 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE  
VILLAGE GOURMET GROCERY INC, 102 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE  
SPRING MART FOOD, 202 MOTT STREET  
DON JUAN DELI & GROCERY INC, 110 FORSYTH STREET  
W & Y GROCERY STORE CORP, 87 ALLEN STREET

### **QUEENS**

218 BAYSIDE OPERATING INC-7/11, 218 01 NORTHERN BLVD.  
FIVE NORTHERN CONVENIENCE, 215 05 NORTHERN BLVD.  
AMBE GROCERY CORP, 69-34 MAIN STREET, FLUSHING  
31 18 BROADWAY CORP, 31-18 BROADWAY, ASTORIA  
BROADWAY CORNER STORE CORP, 38-02A BROADWAY, ASTORIA  
GUANG QI INC., 161 01 NORTHERN BLVD.  
147 45 NORTHERN BLVD. (UNLICENSED)  
ANNAS FOOD CORP, 40 38 162<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
NN GROCERY INC, 31-21 DITMARS BLVD, LONG ISLAND CITY  
JOHNS FOODARAMA INC, 29-02 DITMARS BLVD, ASTORIA  
22 41 NEWS INC, 22-41 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET, ASTORIA  
ASTORIA CONVENIENCE INC, 22-55 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET, ASTORIA  
SEEMA NOREEN, 25-04 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET, ASTORIA  
GUADALUPE MONTESINOS, 25-38 ASTORIA BLVD, ASTORIA  
CHOCOLATE DELI & GROCERY INC, 82-73 BROADWAY, ELMHURST  
GLOBER MARKET INC, 82-33 BROADWAY, ELMHURST  
SAAKSHI ENTERPRISES INC, 40-04 74<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ELMHURST

### **STATEN ISLAND**

SAVE N GO, 744 PORT RICHMOND AVENUE  
FOREST FRUIT & GROCERY, 1310 FOREST AVENUE  
SUPER CONVENIENCE, 819 FOREST AVENUE  
A & S DELI & GROCERY, 345 VICTORY BLVD.

On July 24, 2011, the SLA conducted a similar underage decoy operation in Western NY, charging 41 of 124 grocery stores visited in Buffalo, Rochester, and Niagara Falls with selling alcohol to minors.

The SLA regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the state. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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