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STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY, CORTLAND POLICE CONDUCT UNDERAGE STINGS
12 Licensees Caught Illegally Selling to Minors

Albany, NY – The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) today announced the results of a city wide underage sting operation conducted on October 24, 2014. The SLA, working with the Cortland Police Department, conducted an underage-drinking sting operation visiting twenty-seven different businesses, including restaurants, bars, convenience stores and liquor stores, in the City of Cortland. In total, the undercover minor was able to purchase alcohol at twelve of the twenty-seven businesses visited.

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

"The State Liquor Authority is committed to cracking down on underage sales," said SLA Chairman Dennis Rosen. "These details will continue, and licensees must understand when they sell to minors, they are putting their license and livelihood in jeopardy."

"The Cortland City Police Department has always been committed to enforcing underage drinking violations, as a means of insuring the safety of the underage person and the citizens of our community," said Cortland Deputy Chief of Police Paul Sandy. "Aggressive, proactive enforcement of these statutes and partnerships with the State Liquor Authority are effective measures to send a strong message to those who choose to violate the law and disrupt the quality of life of this community."

The minor decoy was able to purchase alcohol from the following locations in the City of Cortland:

Bars/Restaurants

The Tavern
139 Main Street

One Cent Saloon
183 Main Street

Donna's Place
188 Main Street

Central Bar and Grill
17 Central Avenue

The Seventy Seven Club
77 Main Street

The Study Hall
83-85 Groton Avenue

Ivan's
206 Main Street

Convenience/Grocery Stores

Hess Express
106 Port Watson Street

Kwik Fill
Corner of Homer & Wheeler Avenue

P & C Foods
160 Clinton Avenue

Liquor Stores

The North End Liquor Store
189 Homer Avenue

Varsity Liquors
150 Tompkins Street

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