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**STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION
INTO UNDERAGE ALCOHOL SALES IN NEW YORK CITY**

118 NYC Stores Caught Selling Alcohol to Minors by State Liquor Authority and NYPD

The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) today announced that a three-day undercover investigation into underage alcohol sales has resulted in charges to 118 licensed groceries and liquor stores throughout New York City. The investigation is part of a coordinated enforcement action to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors statewide.

The investigation was conducted jointly by the SLA and the New York Police Department (NYPD) between November 16 and November 18, 2011. SLA investigators and NYPD officers sent underage volunteer decoys into 234 licensed groceries and liquor stores in all five boroughs of New York City. In total, the decoys were able to purchase alcohol at 118 of the premises, including 11 of 25 in the Bronx, 41 of 54 in Brooklyn, 26 of 62 in Manhattan, 34 of 67 in Queens, and 6 of 26 on Staten Island.

State Liquor Authority Chairman Dennis Rosen said, "Preventing the sale of alcohol to minors is a top priority for the State Liquor Authority. These large scale enforcement efforts will continue to be a part of our proactive measures to prevent alcohol abuse among our youth."

The investigation targeted specific locations and neighborhoods found to have a high activity of selling to minors. Licensees charged by the SLA with underage sales face civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation, with fines starting from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for a first time offense. Repeat offenders also face potential suspension or revocation of their licenses. In addition, the NYPD issues criminal court summonses for those making underage sales, charging clerks with Unlawfully Dealing with a Child in the First Degree (a class A misdemeanor) and Prohibited Sale of an Alcoholic Beverage (an unclassified misdemeanor).

The businesses charged with sales to minors are:

BRONX

- East 174th St. Deli Grocery, 920 E. 174th Street
- 1309 First Stop Deli Grocery, 1309 Clinton Avenue
- JJP Food Center, 1086 Boston Road
- Weeks Deli Grocery, 1777 Weeks Avenue
- Rivas Grocery Corp, 1824 Weeks Avenue
- Felomar Grocery Store, 154 E. 175th Street
- Andres Food, 237 E. 194th Street
- Nizao Grocery, 2840 Briggs Avenue
- The Bronx Gourmet Deli, 226 E. 198th Street
- Deli & Grocery, 29 E. Kingsbridge Avenue
- A & A Grocery & Deli, 361 E. 204th Street

BROOKLYN

- Brother Mini Market, 207 Hull Street
- Wines & Liquors, 2152 Fulton Street
- Aleman Deli Corp., 1466 Pitkin Ave
- East New York Grocery Corp., 1419 New York Avenue
- Matias Grocery, 1895 Eastern Pkwy
- Negrito Wine & Liquors, 369 Stone Avenue
- Giselles Grocery, 1697 East New York Avenue
- Community Deli, 694 Rockaway Avenue
- Bergen Street Food Corp, 339 Saratoga Avenue
- Mikes Grocery Corp, 1268 Sutter Avenue
- 1290 Sutter Grocery, 1290 Sutter Avenue
- Alkaifi Family Grocery, 403 Crescent Street
- ENY Wines & Liquors, 2519 Pitkin Avenue
- Stop (4) MJ Corp.(Expired license), 2552 Pitkin Avenue
- Kevins Liquors, 2226-2230 Pitkin
- Abreu Super Grocery Store, 2952 Fulton Street
- Yemen Grocery Stop, 786 New Lots Avenue
- M & M Deli Express, 664 Knickerbocker Avenue
- SMC Inc, 939 Broadway
- Juan Grocery, 185 Starr Street
- Nevada Corp, 216 Knickerbocker Avenue
- Tundra Deli Grocery 2 Corp, 887 Hart Street
- Open Market, 1701 Avenue
- Twin Express Deli, 1801 Avenue U, store A
- Stop One Deli, 3554 Nostrand Avenue
- S & H Meat Grocery Corp, 3596 Nostrand Avenue
- Sheepshead Bay Deli Corp, 3602 Nostrand Avenue
- AIN News Inc/Quick Stop Mini Mart, 2404 Coney Island Avenue
- 6701 Store Inc, 6701 New Utrecht Ave
- A 1 Grocery Deli Inc, 7102 New Utrecht Ave
- H & B Grocery Inc, 6601 15 Ave
- Moon Convenience & Deli, 7402 New Utrecht Ave

- Plan De Ayalu Deli Grocery Corp, 259-261 Kings Highway
- Poplic Inc, 432 Kings Highway
- Mansour Fadal Candy, 180 Parkside Ave
- Parkside Supermarket, 184 Parkside Ave
- Farmers Deli #2, 1067 Flatbush Ave
- Alex Deli & Grocery, 1256 Flatbush Ave
- Aspirina Grocery Corp, 2227 Ditmar Ave
- Ocean Expressway Grocery, 533 Ocean Ave
- Josephs Deli, 1804 Avenue M

MANHATTAN

- Reyes Grocery, 3675 Broadway
- 147 Deli, 3579a Broadway
- 600 Deli, 3513 Broadway
- Jimenez Grocery 139, 3419 Broadway
- Laith Deli, 3341 Broadway
- The Student Deli, 508 W. 139th Street (unlicensed)
- 24/7 Gourmet Deli, 177 Audubon Avenue
- Galados Deli, 3750 Broadway
- Broadway Deli, 3842 Broadway
- A & C Wines & Liquors, 505 W. 162nd Avenue Store 4
- Bee Rite Grocery, 1045 St. Nicholas Avenue
- Tavares Family Market, 1650 St Nicholas Avenue
- Palmar Deli, 1579 St Nicholas Avenue
- Drisa Del Sur Deli, 421 Audubon Avenue
- 380 Audubon Heights Deli, 380 Audubon Avenue
- Nueva Azteca Taqueria, 3861 10th Avenue
- Around The Clock Grocery & Deli (Unlicensed) 130 132 Vernilyea Avenue
- 256 W 14th St Food Corp, 256 W 14th Street
- Fresh Farm, 301 W 13th Street, (aka 65 8th Avenue)
- Tearadhan Convenient Store Inc., 49 Columbia Street
- SX Gourmet Corp, 115 Rivington Street, (aka 123 Essex Street)
- St. Marks Convenience Inc., 31 St. Marks Place
- Ave A Deli & Grocery, 123 Avenue A
- Anwar Grocery (Pending license), 106 Avenue B
- Yoo's Convenience, 50 2nd Avenue
- C & B Grocery, 248 E 14th Street

QUEENS

- 90 25 Food Corp, 90-25 43rd Avenue
- Shalvi LLC, 85-25 Whitney Avenue
- Queens Papa & Son Supermarket Corp., 54-05 99th Street
- 57TH Ave Minimart Inc, 97-07 57th Avenue
- Five Star Mart Inc, 40-15 104th Street
- Vanessa Foods Corp, 52-18 108th Street
- V & M International Deli Grocery Corp., 98-20 41st Avenue
- Tony Grocery Inc, 41-09 Broadway
- 31 18 Broadway Corp, 31-18 Broadway

- S & S Grocery & Deli Inc, 38-02 31st Street
- Sion Grocery & Candy Store Corp, 22-58 31st Street
- DL Deli GroceryCorp, 91-19 31st Avenue
- Sari M Ahmed, 91-01 31st Avenue
- 98 02 Superior Deli Corp, 98-02 Astoria Boulevard
- SVM Food Corp, 96-04 31st Avenue
- La Economica Northern Blvd 95 Inc, 95-15B Northern Boulevard
- Alan Liquors Corp, 108-22 Northern Boulevard
- S Corp., 90-02 37th Avenue
- Andres Infante, 102-04 37th Avenue
- E & J Food Center Corp, 138 62 Jamaica Avenue
- Star Grocery, 90 38 148TH Street
- Saif Mohamed Almulaki, 168 34 Jamaica Avenue
- Milagros Grocery Store, 144 12 Lakewood Avenue
- Omar Deli Grocery, 220-33 Jamaica Avenue
- Linden Superette Inc., 228 03A 228 Linden Boulevard
- 223 21 Food Corp, 223 21 Linden Blvd
- Springfield Candy & Grocery, 116-40 Springfield Boulevard
- 131 21 Stop One Deli & Grocery Corp, 131 21 Springfield Boulevard
- T & N Grocery Corp., 145-77 Farmers Boulevard
- Canete Deli Corp, 126 09 Merrick Boulevard
- Sutphin Market Corp, 121 05 Sutphin Boulevard
- Farmers Deli Grocery, 114 25 Farmers Boulevard
- Candies Restaurant Inc, 194 01 LINDEN Boulevard
- MJRG Corp, 117 32 Sutphin Boulevard

STATEN ISLAND

- Sarhan Van Pelt Inc, 109 Van Pelt Avenue
- Clove Deli, 453 Clove Road
- H & H Convenience Inc, 508 Midland Avenue
- Oak Wood Bagels, 101 Guyon Avenue
- Tottenville Crop, 7254 Amboy Road
- Town & Country Deli, 7299 Amboy Road

This latest enforcement action is part of a statewide initiative to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors. In July 2011, a large underage decoy operation in Western New York by the SLA resulted in charges to 41 of 124 grocery stores in Buffalo, Rochester, and Niagara Falls for underage sales. In August 2011, action by the SLA in New York City resulted in charges to 123 of 212 grocery stores visited for selling alcohol to minors. In October 2011, a Capital District sting by the SLA resulted in charges to 23 of 108 premises visited for selling alcohol to minors. In total this year, the SLA has conducted 134 underage details, visiting 1,558 premises and charging 585 establishments with selling alcohol to minors.

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

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