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Six Central Illinois Establishments Cited for Selling to Minors

SPRINGFIELD – Six central Illinois establishments were cited on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 for liquor license violations after they allegedly sold alcohol to minors as part of an undercover operation conducted by Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) agents and the Illinois State Police.

During Wednesday's operation, six of the 41 establishments checked sold alcohol to underage minors:

Casey General Store 204 E. Missouri, Sandoval LOMAC'S 1412 N. Rock Island Ave, Vandalia Sportsmen Lounge, 125 E. North Ave, Flora The Beer Bucket 110 E. North Ave, Flora Lincoln Liquor Mart 731 E. Broadway, Centralia Skipper Inn 824 S. Locust Centralia

The establishments were cited by agents and will be referred to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission for action. The penalties for selling alcohol to minors can include fines and/or liquor license suspension or revocation.

"Under-age drinking is a serious problem," said Lainie Krozel, Executive Director of the ILCC. "Licensees need to take responsibility for checking the identification on these kids."

The undercover operations are part of ongoing statewide checks made throughout the year to assure compliance with the law that prohibits the sale of alcohol to minors.