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Three Gas Stations Found in Violation during Liquor Compliance Check In Machesney Park

In response to multiple citizen complaints regarding the unlawful sale of alcohol to minors, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office – Machesney Park Division, in coordination with the Village of Machesney Park and the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, conducted a liquor control compliance operation on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

During the coordinated effort, a total of five gas stations throughout the Village of Machesney Park were checked for compliance with Illinois liquor laws. The purpose of these checks is to ensure that businesses are operating in accordance with state law and to protect the safety of minors in the community.

Results of the Compliance Checks:

Not in compliance (Violations Found – Alcohol Sold to Minors):

1. BP Gas Station – 11225 N. 2nd Street (Forest Hills Rd & Burden Rd)
 - Clerk: **Austin A. Telfair (dob: 01/12/1995)**
 - Charge: Sale of Alcohol to a Minor
2. BP Gas Station – 8332 N. 2nd Street
 - Clerk: **Rahu Manoharanradl (dob: 08/26/1995)**
 - Charge: Sale of Alcohol to a Minor
3. Amoco Gas Station – 8320 N. 2nd Street
 - Clerk: **Marcos Torres (dob: 07/31/2000)**
 - Charge: Sale of Alcohol to a Minor

"Selling alcohol to minors is a serious offense that puts our youth and community at risk," said Sheriff Caruana. "We will continue to work closely with our local partners to ensure that businesses follow the law and help us maintain a safe environment for everyone in Winnebago County."

"We take citizen concerns about the sale of alcohol to minors very seriously," said Mayor Steve Johnson, who also serves as Machesney Park's Liquor Commissioner. "We want to thank the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office- Machesney Park Division and the Illinois Liquor Control Commission for partnering with us on this operation to ensure the safety of our community."

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