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Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Conducts Liquor Compliance Checks in Machesney Park

Machesney Park, IL – 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 compliance operation on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

During the operation, deputies conducted compliance checks at eight licensed liquor establishments throughout Machesney Park. The purpose of these checks is to ensure businesses are operating in accordance with Illinois liquor laws and to help prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

Of the eight establishments checked, seven were found to be in compliance with Illinois liquor laws.

The following establishments were **in compliance**:

- BP Gas Station – 11225 N. 2nd Street
- Food Mart LLC – 11284 Forest Hills Road
- LBS Express Mart Inc. – 8320 N. 2nd Street
- KAPA Gas Inc. – 8332 N. 2nd Street
- Casey's Gas Station – 9601 Forest Hills Road
- Pit Stop Convenience & Gaming – 7918 Scott Lane
- U-Save – 7904 N. 2nd Street

One establishment was found **not in compliance**:

Sam's Ristorante & Pizzeria
1031 Harlem Road
Bartender: Tina Phouthavong (dob: 05/27/1990)
Charge: Sale of Alcohol to a Minor

"Preventing underage access to alcohol is a responsibility we all share," said Sheriff Gary Caruana. "These compliance checks are an important tool in ensuring businesses are following the law and helping protect the