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## Deputies conduct Alcohol Enforcement Operations to curb the availability of alcohol to minors

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The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division conducted operations to curb the availability of alcohol to minors. The evening of May 14, 2010 deputies conducted an alcohol enforcement operation in Washoe County in cooperation with Join Together Northern Nevada (JTNN) who assists law enforcement with grant funding to fight underage drinking.

During this operation a total of 19 establishments were visited by plain clothes Deputies and an undercover minor who was able to purchase alcohol at 3 of the businesses visited. Citations were issued to each of the clerks who sold alcohol to the minor which occurred at Ole Tyme Saloon (Geiger Grade), Verdi Mining Company (Verdi) and Crystal Peak Kantina (Gold Ranch).

According to information Produced by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, (PIRE) underage drinking in the United States leads to substantial harm due to traffic crashes, violent crime, property crime, unintentional injury, and risky sex.

- During 2007, an estimated 1,988 traffic fatalities and 48,800 nonfatal traffic injuries involved an underage drinking driver.
- In 2006, an estimated 2,099 homicides; 989,100 nonfatal violent crimes such as rape, robbery and assault; and 1,919,900 property crimes including burglary, larceny, and car theft involved an underage drinking perpetrator.
- In 2006, an estimated 371 alcohol involved fatal burns, drowning, and suicides involved underage drinking.
- In 2006, an estimated 158,600 teen pregnancies and 730,500 risky sexual acts by teens involved alcohol.

### **Total underage drinking costs \$68.0 billion**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is committed to the safety and security of the public we serve. It is our desire to curb the availability of alcoholic beverages to minors which in turn reduces incidents including alcohol related crashes and fatalities. Please don't drink and drive.