



**Conserving the Peace Through Values Driven Service  
Sheriff Pat Garrett**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Three Stores Sell Alcohol in Underage Compliance Checks**

March 11, 2016 — Washington County Sheriff's Deputies, with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office Explorer Post, conducted an undercover compliance mission where underage adults attempted to buy alcohol from stores.

This afternoon, March 11, 2016, Sheriff's Deputies conducted an undercover operation, where an underage Sheriff's Office Explorer attempted to purchase alcohol. Sixteen businesses around the Aloha area were visited by a 20 year-old explorer and three of the 16 stores sold alcohol. The explorer was constantly supervised by a Sheriff's Deputy. The explorer provided his valid Oregon State issued ID card if requested by the clerk.

The three clerks who sold alcohol to the underage person were cited for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. The stores that sold alcohol were the Food Mart at 18535 SW Tualatin Valley Highway, the Walgreens at 18470 SW Farmington Road, and the Chevron Station at 18560 SW Tualatin Valley Highway. This is a Class "A" misdemeanor that carries up to a \$5,000 fine for the first conviction. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission will be following up with the owners of the businesses that sold the alcohol.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes the dangers associated with underage alcohol use and works hard to stop underage drinking. This undercover alcohol operation is one of the many programs the Washington County Sheriff's Office utilizes in our continuing effort to stop underage alcohol use and avoid the potentially devastating aftermath.