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7 alcohol outlets refuse minor sales in OLCC-P.D. checks in N. Bend

Seven of 10 liquor businesses tested refused to sell alcohol to a minor during a recent compliance operation conducted in Lakeside and North Bend by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and North Bend police.

These licensees said no: **North Bend** – Coos Head Food Store, 1960 Sherman; Hauser Bar & Grill, 69822 Wildwood Dr.; The Hilltop House, 166 N. Bay Dr.; Los Dos Amigos, 1611 Virginia Ave.; Sapphires Mongolian Grill, 2470 Tremont; Village Chevron, 1300 Virginia; Wagon Wheel Grocery, 69845 Wildwood Dr.

The businesses that sold were: **Lakeside** -- T'ree Acres, 72327 Hwy. 101; **North Bend** – Cone 9, 1611 Virginia; Gino's Pizza Inn, 1324 Virginia Ave.

Servers and bartenders or licensees whose employees provide alcohol to the minor or fail to verify their age, are subject to OLCC administrative sanctions including fines or license suspensions. Store clerks who sell are cited into court and face at least a \$350 fine.

An OLCC inspector, North Bend police and two minor volunteers did the compliance testing Sept. 26 as part of the Coos County Underage Drinking Task Force's effort to curtail drinking by minors, which is a serious problem on the Southern Oregon coast and throughout the state.

In a compliance test, the volunteer attempts to buy alcohol from licensees or their employees to determine if they are properly checking identification and obeying state law prohibiting alcohol sales to anyone under 21. The minors are supervised by OLCC inspectors or other law officers, carry their own legal ID and are advised not to disguise their age or encourage the sale of alcohol.

The OLCC tested about 1,600 licensed liquor businesses in 2006 along with a number of police agencies.

The OLCC offers training to store clerks, service permit holders and others on ID checking, identifying false identification and laws regarding minors and alcohol.