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Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Announces the First Round of Tobacco Compliance Check Results

On October 16, 2018, the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office completed the first of three rounds of compliance checks to be conducted on all tobacco retailers within unincorporated Kendall County. A total of seven tobacco retailers were inspected and six were found to be in compliance with the Illinois tobacco laws. The cashier at the non-compliant retailer, Oswego Citgo Gas Station, located in the 2500 block of Light Road, was cited for the Unlawful Sale of Tobacco to a Minor, a petty offense.

The compliance checks are performed to determine if local tobacco retailers are complying with state minimum age tobacco laws which prohibit the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 18. With the help from a grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) “Kids Can’t Buy ‘Em Here” Tobacco Enforcement Program, Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Community Policing Deputies educate tobacco retailers in unincorporated Kendall County on minimum age tobacco laws and the importance of verifying the age of customers before selling age restrictive products such as tobacco.

The public is reminded that criminal defendants are presumed innocent until the government is able to prove its charges in court beyond a reasonable doubt.

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