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Operation Safe Summer Nights

Santa Fe - The New Mexico Department of Public Safety Special Investigations Division ran a collaborative operation with the New Mexico State Police and Alamogordo Department of Public Safety. "Operation Safe Summer Nights" was conducted in the following counties Friday evening; Dona Ana, Luna, Grant, and Otero. This multi-county operation was to ensure that servers and clerks are complying with state law pertaining to alcohol sales. High compliance rates mean safer highways and communities throughout New Mexico.

Minors attempted to purchase alcohol at 94 licensed liquor establishments. 13 of these establishments sold alcohol to the minors. The establishments cited were; Sunland Park Casino and Racetrack, Billy Crew's and SunMart #675 in Dona Ana County; Lowe's (Tularosa), Chef Lupe's, Chili's and Quick Pic in Alamogordo/Otero County; Yesterday's Lounge in Silver City/Grant County; Quick Pic, La Fonda and Cano's Restaurants in Deming/Luna County.

Additionally, a shoulder tap with minors asked 8 random people outside of package stores to purchase alcohol for them. 2 adults in Deming were arrested and charged with felonies when they followed thru on a dangerous request. Similar Operations have been conducted in Central and Northern New Mexico over the past 6 months, these operations will continue throughout New Mexico too include an operation TONIGHT.

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