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QACSO Announces Results of Tobacco Sale Compliance Checks Keeping Youth Safe, One Check at a Time

Queen Anne's County, MD (June 10, 2024): The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff recently completed tobacco compliance checks on local retailers that sell tobacco products as well as electronic smoking device products.

Under the supervision of law enforcement officials, a series of operations between February 29th, 2024, and May 15th, 2024 were conducted wherein underage individuals were deployed to 129 businesses in Queen Anne's County with the objective of confirming the establishment would refuse the sale of tobacco products to an underage customer, or a customer who is not able to provide valid identification. Seventeen retailers were found to be non-compliant with the law, two failed twice on separate dates. As a result, criminal citations were issued to the employees making illegal sales, per Maryland law.

The following retailers have been identified as non-compliant:

- Hillside Quick Serve, 2630 Centreville Road, Centreville, MD
- Everest Mart, 201 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, MD (**Twice**)
- 7-Eleven, 212 Grange Hall Road, Queenstown, MD
- Royal Farms, 32303 Queen Anne Highway, Queen Anne, MD
- Shore Stop, 201 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD
- Dash In, 401 Thompson Creek Road, Stevensville, MD
- Shore Stop, 100 Main Street, Stevensville, MD
- Shell Gas Station, R&R Trading Inc., 101 Castle Marina Road, Chester, MD
- Safeway "1939" Fuel Station, 1835 Main Street, Chester, MD
- Exxon/ Bayside Xtramart, 2120 Piney Creek Road, Chester, MD
- Happy Hitts Retail Shop & Pipes, 110 Country Day Road, Chester, MD (**Twice**)
- Hillside Gas, 2630 Centreville Road, Centreville, MD
- Food Lion, 2466 Centreville Road, Centreville, MD

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- 7-Eleven, 2601 Centreville Road, Centreville, MD
- Royal Farms, 105 Clay Drive, Queenstown, MD
- Royal Farms, 108 Jackson Creek Road, Grasonville, MD
- Citgo, 101 Duke Street, Stevensville, MD

Compliance checks will continue to be enforced throughout the year as part of our ongoing commitment to public health and safety. The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff is dedicated to preventing youth access to tobacco products and maintaining a compliant retail environment within our community.

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