



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Metro DUI Squad Makes Arrests During Beer Sting

The Metro D.U.I. Squad conducted an undercover "beer sting" at various convenience markets, liquor stores and restaurants last night. Officers visited businesses on Kirby, Mt. Moriah, Park and other nearby streets.

Violations of the beer and alcohol laws were noted at 10 businesses, 71% of the 14 visited by undercover officers. Accompanying the D.U.I. Squad were two agents with the *Tennessee Alcoholic Beverages Commission*.

Eleven people were arrested. Ten were clerks for selling beer or alcohol to persons under the legal drinking age of 21 or not checking the identification of customers. The other person arrested was an underage customer who was drinking beer. She was also charged with using someone else's driver's license to buy the beer. The customer and the clerks will have to report to the Shelby County Jail Records and Identification Bureau for booking.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office and the Germantown Police Department comprise the Metro D.U.I. Squad. Last night's sting was part of an on-going effort by the Metro D.U.I. Squad funded by the Governor's Highway Safety Office. The G.H.S.O. pays officers overtime to participate in the beer stings which are designed to help stop the sale of alcohol to minors.

A complete listing of the violations and businesses visited by officers is being sent with this news release in a separate Email file.

2009 Statistics:

Beer Stings Conducted: 6

Total Arrests: 56

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