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On Saturday April 20th, 2019 the Auburn Police Department and the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Cayuga County Drug Free Community Coalition, did partner to conduct underage alcohol sales compliance checks at numerous establishments throughout the City of Auburn and Cayuga County that serve and sell alcohol. All together 42 businesses were checked for compliance using underage volunteers that did attempt to purchase alcohol. A list of the establishments that were compliant and did not sell alcohol to the underage volunteers is attached. The following two locations and listed employees did sell alcohol to underage members of the detail:

Auburn Discount Liquor - Michael J. Ohearn (age 21) charged with Unlawfully
21 Seminary Ave. Dealing With a Child 1st Degree (A Misdemeanor)
Auburn NY 13021

Bayside Grocery - Cheryl A. Parsons (age 49) charged with Unlawfully
537 Main Street Dealing With a Child 1st Degree (A Misdemeanor)
Fair Haven NY 13156

“It is very important for our establishments serving alcohol to understand that compliance is important; as drinking alcohol is more harmful to teens than adults due to their development. By abiding the rules and regulations of sales of alcohol especially to youth, we are lowering the youth access and keeping our community safer.” – Drug Free Community Coalition Project Coordinator JoLynn Mulholland

“It is imperative that we as law enforcement do everything in our power to hold businesses accountable that sell alcohol to underage minors. We must deter underage drinking in an attempt to prevent unnecessary tragedies.” – Auburn Police Chief Shawn Butler

“We have seen the devastating loss of life and injury in our community that can be caused by underage drinking. I am glad to see that the majority of establishments in our county that serve and sell alcohol are complying with the law, but for those that do not, we will continue to hold them accountable.” – Cayuga County Sheriff Brian Schenck