



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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Administrative Phone – 954-436-3200

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PIO On-Call Number – 954-252-5029

MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: September 9, 2024

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: Click here to enter text. **p.m.**

CASE NUMBER: Click here to enter text.

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Underage Drinking Environmental Program - UPDATE

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: May 2024 – July 2024

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Click here to enter text. **a.m.**

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: City-wide

SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

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VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Following a two & a half month-long operation, our agency's participation in the Underage Drinking Environmental Program has concluded.

During this initiative, 143 retail outlets that sell or supply alcohol within Pembroke Pines were visited and assessed for compliance. 72 businesses were found to be in violation of underage alcohol sales laws and were offered the opportunity to participate in the S.E.R.V.E. Alcohol Diversion Program. In addition to business checks, our officers also conducted fourteen high-visibility enforcement operations that targeted underage alcohol possession and use.

Throughout the month of July, Pembroke Pines police officers presented 71 local retailers with awards in recognition of their compliance efforts.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to tips@ppines.com, or call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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Thank you to our officers, assisting investigators and local business owners for their help in making Pembroke Pines a safe city for all children.

In collaboration with the United Way of Broward County Commission on Behavioral Health & Drug Prevention, the Pembroke Pines Police Department will begin participation in the Underage Drinking Environmental Program. The goal of this program is to identify and stop the illegal sale of alcohol to underage persons, and the consumption and possession of alcohol by underage persons.

Through this program, police officers will be conducting underage alcohol compliance check operations and high visibility enforcement operations. These operations will run through June 31, 2024, and will take place at any establishment within the city that sells alcohol.

Alcohol vendors that are discovered facilitating the illegal sale of alcohol to underage persons will be offered the opportunity to attend an educational alcohol diversion program through the Sensible Education for Responsible Vendors & Employees (S.E.R.V.E.) Program, Inc., or they may face criminal charges.

Parents, child caretakers and guardians are asked to speak with their children about the health, safety, and legal consequences of using alcohol while underage.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Pembroke Pines Police Department's involvement in the Underage Drinking Environmental Program, please contact Sergeant Aju Thomas at 954-431-2225.