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UNANNOUNCED TOBACCO INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED

State officials, along with Trumbull Police, conducted surprise inspections at eleven local businesses, and found only one violation pertaining to tobacco sales. On November 7, 2018, the Trumbull Police Department and staff members of the State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program (TPEP), conducted unannounced compliance inspections of establishments that sell tobacco products. The inspections were performed in an effort to determine compliance with state laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of cigarettes and/or tobacco products to youth under the age of eighteen.

Under the direction and supervision of DMHAS investigators, an underage youth, employed by the Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program, entered the establishment and attempted to purchase tobacco products.

Of the eleven unannounced compliance inspections, the one establishment found to be in violation of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Sec. 53-344(b), Sale of tobacco to minors under eighteen, was Trumbull Mobil Service Center, 950 White Plains Road. The offending clerk was issued an infraction in the amount of \$200.00.

The Cigarette Dealer license holder at the establishment also faces additional administrative sanctions from the Department of Revenue Services, the state agency that issues Cigarette Dealer Licenses.

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