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Kendall County Sheriff's Office Announces Results of Third Round of **Tobacco Compliance Checks**

On May 17th, 2019 the Kendall County Sheriff's Office completed the third of three rounds of compliance checks to be conducted on all tobacco retailers within unincorporated Kendall County. A total of seven tobacco retailers were inspected and all seven were found to be in compliance with the Illinois tobacco laws.

The compliance checks are performed to determine if local tobacco retailers are complying with state laws which prohibit the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 18. With the help from a grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) "Kids Can't Buy 'Em Here" Tobacco Enforcement Program, Kendall County Sheriff's Office Community Policing deputies educate tobacco retailers in unincorporated Kendall County on minimum age tobacco laws and the importance of verifying the age of customers before selling age restrictive products such as tobacco.

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public of the upcoming change in the Illinois Tobacco law. The new law takes effect on July 1st 2019 and raises the minimum age for the purchase of all tobacco products, electronic cigarettes and alternative nicotine products to 21 years old.

The public is reminded that criminal defendants are presumed innocent until the government is able to prove its charges in court beyond a reasonable doubt.