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"Protecting and Serving with Pride"



Waltham Police Liquor Enforcement

Policy: Zero Tolerance Policy. Violators will be charged criminally.

Undercover Enforcement Efforts:

- 1) Undercover officers routinely surveil liquor package store parking lots and position themselves inside as well, seeking offenders.
- 2) Plainclothes officers routinely visit bars, sit at a table near the door, and set up the department's portable identification checker purchased from Advanced ID Detection:

Explanation: Door staff typically are presented an identification prior to entry into the liquor establishment. If entry is allowed and the individual appears to look under the age of 21, the plainclothes officer will request the identification presented at the door and attempt to authenticate the identification through the ID detection device. The device's software is updated regularly, as such, even the most sophisticated fake IDs scanned by the device will be identified. The Advanced ID Detection device will not only reject the ID, but will also identify the specific security feature(s) breached.

Action Taken: The false identification will be confiscated, the offender will either be placed under arrest or summonsed into court for any violation and when applicable, the offender's college or university will be contacted and provided a copy of the police report for school administrative sanction.

Penalty: Penalties for possession of false identification and other liquor violations committed by under-aged persons vary from fines, jail time, and driver's license suspension.