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St. Petersburg Police crack down on underage drinking at downtown bars

On Thursday, October 23, 2014, St. Petersburg Police Officers and members of The State of Florida Division of Alcohol, Beverage and Tobacco conducted a joint Underage Drinking Operation.

They were responding to complaints of downtown businesses unlawfully selling alcohol to patrons under the legal age of 21.

During the operation, underage volunteers tried to enter and buy alcohol at 14 different locations. They were unlawfully served alcoholic beverages at 5 of them. As a result, the following arrests were made:

- John M. Young, W/M, 42, Bartender at Mastry’s, 233 Central Avenue
- Molly McCoy, W/F, 22, Bartender at Crowley’s, 269 Central Avenue
- Wesley Cardinal, W/M, 33, Bartender at The Avenue, 331 First Avenue North
- Brittany A. Barber, W/F, 25, Bartender at Ringside Cafe, 16 2nd Street North
- Christopher Gorby, W/M, 35, Bartender at Ruby’s Elixir, 15 3rd Street North

The goal of this operation was to raise the awareness of area businesses of the importance of making sure their patrons are of legal drinking age. We appreciate the diligence of those establishments that properly checked the id’s and refused service during our operation.