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**WESTCHESTER COUNTY & NEW YORK STATE POLICE ENFORCE  
LAWS AGAINST SALE OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS**

**Special state grant makes Cortlandt the focus of stepped-up enforcement**

A joint effort by state and county police to enforce laws that ban the sale of alcohol to minors will continue in Cortlandt, in the aftermath of a sting that netted three arrests.

The two police units recently conducted compliance checks at 11 liquor stores in Cortlandt. The officers sent in young officers with IDs showing their age to be under 21 years old, in an attempt to see which establishments would conduct the sales and which would uphold the laws and not sell to minors.

As a result, three clerks were arrested and charged with the misdemeanor crimes of “Unlawfully Dealing with a Child in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree” and “Prohibited Sale of Alcohol.”




“These compliance checks are part of our ongoing effort to reduce the availability of alcoholic beverages to minors through vigorous enforcement of our laws” said County Executive Andy Spano. “The Westchester County Police and the New York State Police are both responsible for law enforcement in the unincorporated Town of Cortlandt. This stepped-up enforcement is made possible due to a special grant that was given to Cortlandt.”

Town Supervisor Linda Puglisi praised the operation and warned local establishment that further operations are planned as part of this “Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws” grant that the town received earlier this year. “It is critical to protect and educate our youth that alcohol is prohibited,” Puglisi said.

Both Spano and Puglisi urge anyone who witnesses the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, or has information regarding illegal activity in the Town of

Cortlandt, to call the Westchester County Police at (914) 864-7700 or the New York State Police at (914) 737-7171.

The allegedly illegal sales in Cortlandt were made at:

-  Rock Cut Deli, 735 Albany Post Road
-  123 Deli, 5871 Albany Post Road
-  Crompond Deli, 2141 Crompond Road