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Sheriff’s Reserve Unit Conducts Underage Alcohol Buying Operation

On Friday, April 27, 2007, the Travis County Sheriff’s Office Reserve Unit along with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission conducted an underage alcohol buy operation in Western Travis County.

Seven establishments, on RR 620, were visited and 72% of them complied with the law and did not sell to the undercover teenager. Two of the establishments sold to the teenager. For one of the establishments this is the second offense.

The Travis County Reserve Unit is made up of trained peace officers who volunteer their time to the Travis County Sheriff’s Office. The seven reserve deputies volunteered over 30 hours for this operation alone. That equates to several thousand dollars in savings to the Travis County taxpayer.

The Reserve Unit collectively volunteers thousands of hours to the Sheriff’s Office for Sex Offender Compliance Checks, Underage Alcohol Buy Operations, fill in for patrol deputies on vacation, assist at the training academy and other special events and activities. Without their contributions the Sheriff’s Office would not be able to conduct much needed programs.

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