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## **Colorado's Marijuana Enforcement Division Announces Successful Underage Compliance Checks**

*Marijuana Enforcement Division Announces Success in Underage Compliance*

**June 26, 2014 – Denver, CO.** The Colorado Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division announces a successful operation in underage compliance checks for marijuana businesses in Colorado. In partnership with the Denver Police Department, the Marijuana Enforcement Division is able to report 100% compliance within the regulated marijuana businesses in recent underage compliance checks.

The Marijuana Enforcement Division Investigators and the Denver Police Department conducted 16 underage operations to prevent minors from obtaining marijuana or marijuana products. Underage compliance checks are operations in which underage operatives, under the direct supervision of police officers, attempt to purchase marijuana from retail and medical facilities. Those who sell to a minor can face a license suspension, a fine per individual violation, a fine in lieu of suspension up to \$100,000, and/or license revocation depending on the mitigating or aggravating circumstances. Sanctions may also include restrictions on the license.

“It is imperative that we keep marijuana out of the hands of kids. These results show that strong efforts are being made by the MED and the marijuana business licensees to do just that,” said Barbara Brohl, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue.

Over the past few months, the Marijuana Enforcement Division has conducted 20 underage compliance checks on businesses located in Denver and Pueblo, all of which were found to be in 100% compliance when it relates to sales to those under 21 years of age.

“The Division prides itself on ensuring public safety; we are pleased with the results and will continue to monitor the businesses to ensure that the compliance efforts are maintained,” said Lewis Koski, Director of the Marijuana Enforcement Division.

The Marijuana Enforcement Division works with local law enforcement agencies across the State of Colorado to ensure public safety within the community. The underage compliance checks are just one measure utilized to ensure that the youth in Colorado are safe and protected.

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