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**Sheriff Kandy Fatheree**

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## **Underage Tobacco Sales Operation**

On Thursday, May 2, 2024, the Summit County Sheriff's Office conducted an operation targeting the sale of tobacco/nicotine products and alcohol to underage persons. The operation included businesses located in Fairlawn, Copley, Bath Township, and Northfield Center Township.

Four businesses were investigated in Fairlawn for tobacco/nicotine sales compliance. Three of them declined the sale of tobacco/nicotine products without proper identification. At the other business, located on West Market Street, the store clerk sold a nicotine product to someone without verifying their age. The clerk was arrested for Illegal Distribution of or Permitting Children to Use Cigarettes or Other Tobacco or Other Alternative Nicotine Products (M1).

In addition, the Summit County Sheriff's Office conducted an operation targeting the sale of alcohol to underage persons. The operation included businesses located in Fairlawn, Copley, Bath Township, and Northfield Center Township. Of the ten establishments investigated, eight of them declined the sale of alcohol without proper identification.

At the other two businesses located on West Aurora Road in Northfield Center Township and Medina Road in Fairlawn, the store clerks sold alcohol to someone without verifying their age. The clerks were arrested for Furnishing Alcohol to an Underage Person (M1).