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**Topic: Urbandale Police to Partner with Iowa ABD for Tobacco Education and Enforcement**

Urbandale, Iowa (December 28th, 2009) - The Urbandale Police Department has taken a pledge to keep tobacco out of the hands of Urbandale youth.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Urbandale Police Department visited local retailers to perform tobacco compliance checks. An Urbandale Police Officer accompanied an underage juvenile into local retailers in attempt to buy tobacco products.

The Urbandale Police Department is excited to report a 95% compliance rate with this round of compliance checks. Currently 21 businesses are licensed to sell tobacco products within the City of Urbandale. Of the 21 retailers that were checked for compliance only 1 failure was reported.

An employee with Tobacco Outlet was issued a citation for providing tobacco to a minor.

The Urbandale Police Department would like to congratulate the 20 businesses who successfully refused tobacco sales to a minor. Your diligence has helped keep tobacco out of the hands of youths within the community.

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