

4 out of 50 ticketed in sting; 3 repeat offenders

The four restaurants cited for selling alcohol to a minor during last week's sting operation included three repeat offenders.

The Brass Pointe on Orchard Lake had been cited on Nov. 4, 1988, for selling to a minor. The state Liquor Control Commission fined the Brass Pointe \$150.

The Tivoli restaurant, in the Clarion Hotel on 12 Mile, had been cited for selling to a minor on Dec. 15, 1989, and fined \$200. Dec. 14, 1990, and fined \$300, and Dec. 16, 1991, and fined \$1,000.

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12 Mile was cited on June 4, 1992, and fined \$200 and on Dec. 11, 1992, and fined \$300.

The Macaroni Grill, which obtained its liquor license in January of 1993, had not been previously cited.

The restaurants that carded the underage police cadet used in the sting last week were:

Affocino's on Grand River, Anita's Kitchen on Orchard Lake, Blakeney's Ranch House on Grand River, Bonyard Backus on Orchard Lake, the Botsford Inn on Grand River, Buddy's Pizzeria on Northwestern, Cafe Corina on 10 Mile, Carillo's on Nine Mile, Chili's Bar and Grill on Northwestern, Clancy's Bar and Grill on Eight Mile, Country Lanes on Nine Mile, D. Dennis's Seafood Tavern on Orchard Lake, Drakeshire Lanes on Orchard Lake, Ginopolis Bar on Middlebelt, Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club on 13 Mile, the Ground Round Restaurant on Orchard Lake, Matt Brady's Tavern at the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile, the House of Ing on 12 Mile, the Human Palace on 10 Mile, J.W.'s

Saloon on 12 Mile, Kyoto Japanese Steak House on Haggerty, Lox, Stock and Barrel on Grand River, Marmaduke's Tavern on Haggerty, Max and Erma's on Orchard Lake, Mr. Sports on Orchard Lake, Mountain Jack's on Sinecola, Mulligan's Pub and Grub on Eight Mile, New Mandarin Garden on 13 Mile, Nippon Kai West on Northwestern, Northwest Lanes on Northwestern, O'Sheehan's Tavern on Grand River, Peacock Cafe and Grill on Middlebelt, Pizza Hut on 10 Mile, Player's Billiards on 10 Mile,

Pony Express Saloon on Eight Mile, Radisson Suite Hotel on Grand River, Roman Terrace II on 12 Mile, Roosevelt's on Orchard Lake, San Marino Golf Club on Haledel, Shellmar Restaurant on Orchard Lake, Shot's Tavern

on 10 Mile, Sitar Cuisine of India on Grand River, Steak and Ale on Grand River, Steamer's Seafood Grill on 12 Mile, Vladimir's on Grand River and Wing Hong on 14 Mile.

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or her age, go into the establishment, usually alone, order a drink and receive it. Two detectives then come into the restaurant, take the liquor container (beer bottle), take a sample of the beverage in a vial and ticket the person who served the minor.

The Farmington Hills Police Department sends out a certified, registered letter explaining the sting beforehand. Marty Krohner, a Hills resident and attorney who advises Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said some police departments don't even warn establishments when they are going to conduct a sting.

"We know that it (sting)

'We had a lot of injuries and fatal accidents that resulted from underage drinking. I'd like to commend the 48 establishments that did the right thing. But I'm really disappointed about a couple of the others.'

police Chief Bill Dwyer

works," he said, citing evidence from police stings in Denver, Colo. and from the National Highway Safety Administration.

"In Northville, they don't even give notice."

But Krohner said enforcement can only do so much, and pending legislation that would go further

in also punishing those who buy or attempt to buy alcohol illegally is still "in limbo."

"We're asking our law enforcement, to do everything these days," he said. "They just don't have the resources."

Paul Wiczorek, general manager at the Macaroni Grill, said he

had no quarrel with how the sting was conducted.

"It's a fair test," he said. "It's too bad because the server was one of my best employees. I've seen her card hundreds of customers. But they (police) did send out a letter."

And regrettable as it may be, serving an underage patron is a firing offense, he said.

"Otherwise, people wouldn't take it seriously," Wiczorek said.



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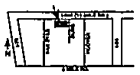
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