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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Restricting Youth Access Is The Key To Breaking The Cycle Of Smoking

In an effort to address this issue, Park Ridge Police Investigators conducted tobacco compliance inspections on February 18th 2019. Investigators enlisted the help of volunteers under the age of 21 to attempt to purchase tobacco products in a controlled buy. These controlled buy attempts were made at every store in Park Ridge where tobacco is being sold. As a result 14 compliance checks were conducted and all 14 were found to be in compliance.

This was the first compliance check since the amended city ordinance went into effect on February 1st. The amended ordinance increased the minimum age for the purchase and sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 18 to 21 years of age.