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**West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration and Governor's
Highway Safety Program Unite with Local Law Enforcement to
Prevent Illegal Alcohol Use**

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA), the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) and state and local law enforcement agencies, will soon join together in a statewide effort to curb underage drinking.

During May and June, high school students experience two special occasions: prom and graduation. Unfortunately, these joyful events can become tragic when underage West Virginians gain access to alcohol. Tragically, alcohol related crashes occur at an alarming rate and are the leading cause of death among people 16 to 21 years of age. Underage alcohol use has also been linked to alcohol poisoning, violence, vandalism, sexual abuse and other crimes.

WVABCA and GHSP encourage parents and caregivers to discuss the law and dangers of underage alcohol use with their children.

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