FAKE ID 02/15/2017 ZARFOS

 In a college town like River Falls, the use of fake identification by underage drinkers can be a problem. Destrey Zarfos has the story.

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DESTREY ZARFOS: IN RIVER FALLS WHERE THERE IS A HIGH CONCENTRAITION OF DRINKERS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 21, FAKE OR BORROWED ID'S HAVE BECOME A REAL ISSUE. BAILEY ZASTROW, A BARTENDER AT BROZ, HAS DEALT WITH THIS ISSUE FIRST HAND.

BAILEY ZASTROW: “WE GET PROBABLY AT LEAST TEN A WEEK, OF KIDS TRYING TO USE FAKE ID'S, THAT WE CATCH. A LOT OF THEM ARE PRETTY IMPOSSIBLE TO CATCH BECAUSE OF THEIR REAL NAME ON THE ID.”

DESTREY ZARFOS: DAN SUFFIELD, OWNER OF SHOOTERS PUB, HAS EXPERIENCED SIMILAR PROBLEMS AND CALLS UPON ON HIS STAFF TO MAKE SURE ID'S ARE LEGITIMATE.

DAN SUFFIELD: “EVERYBODY ON PREMISE THAT IS EMPLOYED IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING IDS. IF THERE IS A DOORMAN ON, GENERALLY THEY ARE THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. IF A BARTENDER HAS A SUSPICION OR SOMEBODY SAYS THAT PERSON'S UNDERAGE, THE BARTENDER HAS A RIGHT TO MAKE A CHALLENGE TO THAT PERSON TO PROVIDE LEGAL ID.”

DESTREY ZARFOS: THE RIVER FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEGUN COMPLIANCE CHECKS OF THE 40 ALCOHOL LICENSEES IN THE AREA. SO FAR 23 OF THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN TESTED. SIX OF THOSE ALLOWED UNDERAGE VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH THE RFPD TO PURCHASE ALCOHOL. DRINKING UNDERAGE CARRIES A FINE OF 187 DOLLARS. DOING SO WITH A FAKE OR BORROWED ID WOULD TACK ON AN EXTRA $98.80, AND SELLING TO UNDERAGE DRINKERS WILL WARRANT A CITATION OF 313 DOLLARS. FOR FALCON NEWS SERVICE, I’M DESTREY ZARFOS.

 The RFPD understands the compliance checks might be nerve wracking but bar employees are encouraged to do their jobs checking IDs properly to avoid any citations and keep the community safe.

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