

Grand Forks Police make 18 drinking-related arrests Valentine's Day

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Grand Forks police officers made 18 arrests related to underage drinking Valentine's Day night in a federally funded effort to curb underage drinking, according to Grand Forks Police Department.

Police officers visited local bars and restaurants between 10 p.m. Saturday and 3 a.m. Sunday and identified individuals who looked like they were under 21 years of age, according to a press release from the Police Department.

Officers made contact with more than 200 people, the release said.

Seven minors were arrested for drinking or having alcohol; seven were arrested for being on premises where alcohol was being sold; three were arrested for having a fake ID and one was arrested for disorderly conduct, according to the release.

Grand Forks Police Department receives funds to enforce underage drinking laws from a grant provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health, according to the release.

“The goal of this enforcement grant is to reduce consumption of alcohol by minors, as well as to reduce over-consumption, or binge-drinking by adults,” the release said.