Recommendation Submission

Foothills Community Policing Council
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RECOMMENDATION: ILLEGAL AND STRAW SALES AND PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA

Background: Foothills CPC councilors and neighborhood activists, including those in the Four Hills and Supper Rock neighborhood have noted what appear to be straw purchasers of alcohol from the Alon gas station and convenience store at Tramway and Central. Observers have noted vehicles parked for extended periods with an occupant of the vehicle going into the station and returning with a sack of goods. When they re-enter the vehicle one or more individuals approach the vehicle and exchange money for bottles of liquid that appear to be alcohol. Following those transactions, the person from the vehicle re-enters the store and returns with another bag to the vehicle. Another individual approaches the vehicle and exchanges money for bottles, and so-on.

We understand that most of the profits from such stores come from liquor sales, but we feel that illegal sales of all sorts must be prevented or halted. Regarding the recent rules change preventing the sale of "mini" bottles, it seems that the trade has simply been upsized to half-pint and larger containers.

Recommendation: That APD request additional attention from New Mexico State Liquor Control officials to this Fina convenience store with the object of discovering the true extent of these illegal sales, and of preventing further such sales.

APD RESPONSE/REASONING:
APD will assume responsibility in addressing this recommendation as this recommendation may require the partnerships of additional law enforcement entities.

Chief made aware of recommendation:■Yes ☐No

Recommendation Status:■ Approved Cmdr. Jason Sanchez Compliance and Oversight ☐Denied☐Needs more time