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April 14, 2011

Re: Sale of cigarettes to a minor at West St. Paul BP, Inc.

Dear Mr. Lundgren:

I'm writing in response to the Notice of Administrative Fine I received dated April 6, 2011, in regard to the sale of cigarettes to a minor on March 28, 2011.

I was working at West St. Paul BP, Inc., located at 675 7th Street West, on March 28, 2011. At the time of the incident, the store was very busy, with a lot of people in the store. While providing a customer (who was lost and running late) with directions, a girl came in and asked to buy cigarettes. I asked for and checked her ID. On the right-hand side of the ID, I saw "Age 18" stamped on the ID, so I sold her the pack of cigarettes. Shortly after, an officer entered the store and told me the girl was only 17.

As instructed in the Notice, I request a public hearing before the St. Paul City Council to contest the penalty and make a statement on my own behalf. If I have the option of participating in a program that would allow this to be removed from my record, I would appreciate more information about any such program.

If you need anything further from me, you may contact me at 651-786-9868.

Sincerely,



Michael Sawiers

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