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Subject: Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Operation

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Details:

On July 23, 2016, Detectives from the Huntington Beach Police Department's Special Investigation Bureau conducted "Minor Decoy" and "Shoulder Tap" operations. The "Shoulder Tap" operations used under aged decoys to target adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. The "Minor Decoy" operations involved under aged decoys attempting to purchase alcohol from an Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) licensed facility. The program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

During the "Minor Decoy" operations, HBPD Detectives visited 6 businesses throughout the City of Huntington Beach. Only one of the licensed liquor establishments sold alcohol to the decoys, and the employee was issued a citation for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. We consider this a successful operation and applaud the businesses that did not sell to the decoys. During the "Shoulder Tap" operations, approximately 15 adults were contacted at various establishments and no one agreed to purchase alcohol for the minors.

This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Minor Decoy / Shoulder Tap Grant Project, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.