



Huntington Beach Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

Release Date: April 20, 2010 **Time:** 9:55 PM

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Sales of tobacco products to minors.	
LOCATION: Shisha Hookah Lounge, 714 Adams, Huntington Beach, CA	
DATE/TIME OF OCCURANCE: 04-16-10, 2000	CASE NUMBER: 10-006320

VICTIM INFORMATION Victim # 1 of 1 (Use additional page(s) for listing multiple victims)

NAME/AGE/: State of California
CITY OF RESIDENCE:
INJURIES/CONDITION:
WHERE HOSPITALIZED:

SUSPECT INFORMATION **ARRESTED** YES NO

SUSPECT # 1 of 1 . (Use additional page(s) for listing multiple suspects)

NAME/DOB (OR DESCRIPTION):			
CITY OF RESIDENCE:			
CHARGES: ---	1)	2)	3)
4)			
BOOKED AT: ---			
INJURIES/CONDITION: ---			
WHERE HOSPITALIZED: ---			

SUSPECT VEHICLE INFORMATION

MAKE/MODEL: N/A	COLOR:	YEAR:
LICENSE/STATE:	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL:	

DETAILS: On April 16, 2010 the Special Investigations Bureau of the Huntington Beach Police Department conducted an undercover sting operation targeting retail businesses and their employees for selling tobacco products to minors under 18 years.

The minor decoys attempted to purchase tobacco products at 34 different retail businesses. Three of the businesses sold tobacco products to the decoys. One business, Shisha Hookah Lounge at 714 Adams had 15 minors inside consuming tobacco products provided by the establishment. The remaining businesses and employees correctly refused to sell to the minors. The Huntington Beach Police Department considers this

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a successful operation as it shows that most of the businesses approached were actively complying with the law, keeping dangerous tobacco products out of the hands of minors.

Several months ago the Special Investigations Bureau sent out letters notifying businesses that we conduct tobacco and alcohol sting operations throughout the year. We are pleased to see that the vast majority of the businesses approached, handled the situation appropriately and we sincerely thank those businesses throughout the City that make the effort to help reduce underage smoking.

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting future sting operations related to underage sales of alcohol and tobacco.

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