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## Riverside Police Department Conducts “Decoy” Operation

**Riverside, California** – On April 24, 2012, the Riverside Police Department VICE Unit conducted a “DECOY” operation in the City of Riverside. Three Riverside businesses were cited for selling alcohol to an underage decoy. A minor, under the supervision of Vice officers, enter “On-sale” establishments and attempt to purchase alcohol from the server. The minors are directed to show their California driver’s license, California Identification card, or tell the clerk their age if asked by the clerk.

The operation, conducted over a four-hour period, targeted nine businesses, and three businesses sold alcohol to the minor. The names of the businesses cited were Que’s Sports Bar and Grill located in the 9300 block of Magnolia Ave., Tacos La Bufadora located in the 5600 block of Van Buren Blvd. and Josie’s Tacos located in the 9700 Block of Magnolia Ave.

Each sale to a minor is a criminal offense and the businesses are subject to administrative penalties by Alcohol Beverage Control, including having their license to sell alcoholic beverages suspended or revoked. The servers that sell the alcohol to the minor are also arrested and given a citation. The penalties for a violation could be a fine up to \$3800.00, up to 36 months of probation, jail time, and community service.

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.

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