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## Riverside Police Department Conducts “Decoy” Operation

**Riverside, CA** – On May 24, 2012, The Riverside Police Department VICE Unit conducted a “DECOY” operation in the City of Riverside. Two Riverside businesses were cited for selling alcohol to an underage decoy. A minor under the supervision of Vice officers enters “Off-sale” establishments and attempts to purchase alcohol from the clerk. 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 eight businesses and two businesses sold alcohol to the minor. The names of the businesses cited were 76 Gas Station located in the 5700 block of Sycamore Canyon and JK Market located in the 3200 block of Maude.

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 clerks that sell the alcohol to the minor are also arrested, given a citation and released at the location. 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.