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## **Police Department Conducts “Shoulder Tap” Operation**

**Riverside, CA** – On September 13th, 2013, The Riverside Police Department VICE Unit conducted a “Shoulder Tap” operation in the City of Riverside.

The “Shoulder Tap” operation was conducted to address adults who purchase alcohol for minors. This operation was conducted with minors under the supervision of Vice Detectives. The minors were placed to the front of “Off-Sale” establishments and would solicit customers to purchase alcohol for them. The minors are instructed to make clear to the adult that they are too young to buy alcohol themselves.

During the operation, 23 customers were contacted and 4 purchased alcohol for the minors. The 4 customers who purchased alcohol were arrested, cited and released. An additional customer was arrested for driving on a suspended license. One of the customers is also being investigated for possible identity theft.

Adults arrested for purchasing alcohol for minors could face up to a \$500.00 fine, up to 36 months of probation, jail time and/or community service. This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s Grant Assistance Program (GAP), funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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