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Police Department Conducts “Shoulder Tap” Operation

Riverside, CA – On January 14, 2016, The Riverside Police Department Vice Unit along with agents from Alcohol Beverage Control conducted a “Shoulder Tap” operation in the City of Riverside.

The purpose of the “Shoulder Tap” operation is to address adults who illegally purchase alcohol for minors. The operation is conducted with minors under the supervision of vice detectives. The minors are placed to the front of “Off-Sale” establishments and attempt to 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.

The operation focused on four locations and was conducted over a four-hour period. A total of ten customers were contacted with four purchasing alcohol for the minors. The customers who purchased the alcohol were arrested, cited and released.

Adults arrested for purchasing alcohol for minors could face up to a \$500 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 Education and Teen Alcohol Enforcement Program Grant, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

