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Police Department Conducts "Shoulder Tap" Operation

Riverside, CA – On July 28, 2016, The Riverside Police Department Vice Unit conducted a "Shoulder Tap" operation in the City of Riverside.

The "Shoulder Tap" operation is designed to address adults who illegally 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 were instructed to make clear to the adult that they were under 21 years of age and too young to buy alcohol themselves.

The operation focused on seven locations and was conducted over a four-hour period. A total of 15 customers were contacted with four purchasing alcohol for the minors. The customers who purchased the alcohol was arrested, cited and released.

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 Education and Teen Alcohol Enforcement Program Grant, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.