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ABC INVESTIGATORS ARREST ONE (1) SUSPECT FOR FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS

Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) arrested one (1) eighteen year old suspect March 24, 2005 in the City of Goleta for furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor. This operation was conducted in the general vicinity of University of California at Santa Barbara Campus.

ABC Investigators and local law enforcement conducted a program called a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation which targets adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Under the program, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor expressly states that he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

If the adults comply, investigators then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$250 fine and 24 hours of community service.

The eighteen year old suspect was able to purchase alcohol from a local retailer in violation of B&P 25658(a). The Santa Barbara District Office is conducting an investigation into possible administrative action against the retailer.

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at the Santa Barbara District Office, (805) 564-7717.