

NEWS ADVISORY
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Law Enforcement Agencies Conduct Undercover Operation

MODESTO, CA – Over 50 law enforcement officers from 6 different agencies teamed up Saturday, December 16th, to conduct what is believed to be the largest undercover alcoholic beverage enforcement operation ever conducted in Stanislaus County.

A **media pool camera** was invited to the operation and video footage, which includes the operation briefing, undercover purchases of alcohol, and interviews with officials, is available to news agencies. Copies of the video footage can be picked up at the Modesto Police Department.

At about 4:00 pm yesterday, officers, detectives, and agents from the Modesto Police Department, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, Oakdale Police, Ceres Police, Turlock Police, and the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, gathered to prepare for the operation that focused on adults who provide alcohol to minors. As a result, 25 people were issued citations and another 4 people were booked for various charges including threats toward members conducting the operation, resisting arrest, and warrants.

The operation included underage decoys that worked undercover near businesses that sell alcoholic beverages. The decoys approached adults coming to the business and, after telling their true age, would ask the adults to purchase alcohol for them. Over 200 purchase attempts were made at businesses throughout the county. The purpose of this particular operation, which was one of many similar operations conducted throughout the year, is to hopefully decrease alcohol consumption by minors throughout the holiday and New Year season. Funding for this operation was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

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