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PR 12-38**Hayward Police and ABC Arrest Six during Shoulder Tap Operation**  
*Operation Conducted to Prevent Underage Drinking*

**Hayward** – Hayward Police and the California Alcoholic Beverage arrested six individuals on Friday, November 9, 2012 during an undercover operation focused on reducing youth access to alcohol. Officers conducted a Shoulder Tap Decoy operation as part of the Alameda County Vice Enforcement Team (ACVET) efforts to reduce alcohol-related problems.

Under the Shoulder Tap Decoy 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 indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol. If the adults agree to buy the alcohol for the minor decoy, investigators arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

The law enforcement team made the arrests outside of two separate convenience stores within the city of Hayward. Four individuals were arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor which is a violation of section 25658(A) of the California Business and Professions Code. One adult was arrested for an outstanding warrant, another was taken into custody for probation and parole violations and a suspect was arrested for possession of powder and rock cocaine, a violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11350.

In addition to the Shoulder Tap Operation, authorities also completed an IMPACT inspection operation by checking licensed premises that sell alcohol. IMPACT stands for Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol Crime Tendencies. It is a cooperative program involving ABC, local police and licensees.

The IMPACT operation teamed ABC agents with Hayward Police Officers who five visited licensed establishments. The primary objective of the project was to educate licensees about the various ways they can participate in reducing alcohol-related crimes such as sales to underage and obviously intoxicated persons. The operation combined personnel in a highly visible profile to educate licensees. The IMPACT team reminded licensees of the responsibilities and accountability associated with the sale of alcoholic beverages. This is accomplished by identifying areas of non-compliance and providing crime prevention information. The focus is to educate rather than to enforce. Even though the teams are prevention oriented, members may take action against any major violations observed during the inspection/visits.

“We were checking licensed businesses to reduce alcohol-related problems and increase safety. We need to educate businesses to help prevent tragedies on the roads, streets and highways,” said ABC District Administrator Erik Szakacs. “They can help accomplish this by checking identifications and refusing to sell alcohol to obviously intoxicated patrons and underage youth.”

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