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Drunk Decoy Operation – Lemon Grove and College Area

Sheriff's Deputies, San Diego Police Officers and California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents conducted a joint drunk decoy operation in Lemon Grove and the College Area on Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For photos of today's operation, follow the Sheriff's Department on Twitter: [@SDSheriff](https://twitter.com/SDSheriff).

A plain clothes deputy or police officer entered a licensed establishment and acted obviously intoxicated. They smelled of alcohol, stumbled into the store, slurred their speech, dropped items, bumped into displays, etc. They then tried to purchase alcohol.



It is a misdemeanor in California to sell alcohol to someone who is obviously drunk.

If the clerk sold alcohol to the plain clothes deputy or officer, deputies, officers and ABC agents entered the store to explain why the decoy shouldn't have been sold alcohol.

A total of eight locations were visited during the drunk decoy operation (four in Lemon Grove and four in the College Area). Three businesses sold alcohol to the decoy (two in Lemon Grove and one in the College Area).

The operation was for educational purposes only and no enforcement action was taken. This operation is part of a \$100,000 grant the Sheriff's Department received from ABC. The San Diego Police Department also received a \$100,000 grant from ABC. These grants will continue to fund operations through June 2020.

Today's operation was aimed at keeping the public safe from impaired drivers and preventing other alcohol-related incidents.

