



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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SYNOPSIS:

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is partnering with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) through a countywide grant to help combat underage drinking and other crimes that may occur at ABC licensed establishments.

In July 2018, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department received an ABC grant of \$100,000. The money is being spent in the communities patrolled by the Sheriff's Department to help fight alcohol related crimes and educate ABC licensed businesses. The goal of the ABC Alcohol Policing Partnership Program is to partner with local law enforcement agencies to help make communities safer. The cooperative efforts of the Sheriff's Department and ABC are aimed at building positive working relationships between all stakeholders and increasing the safety of San Diego County.

On December 14, 2018, deputies from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and two minor decoys conducted a Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap operation at various locations in the community of Fallbrook. The Minor Decoy operation involved a minor who tested off-sale establishments. The minor decoy tested retailers at five locations, attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages inside their establishments. None of the locations sold alcohol to the decoy.

The Shoulder Tap operation was conducted in front of three local retail liquor stores where a teenager asked adults to purchase the teen alcohol. Twenty (20) adults total were contacted, but only one, a twenty-eight year old male, purchased alcohol for the minor. He was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor, which is a misdemeanor offense. In addition, a twenty-four year old male and a twenty-five year old male associated with the purchase of the alcohol were arrested for probation and parole violations. They were booked in to the Vista Detention Facility on those violations. ABC related operations such as Minor Decoy and Shoulder Taps help reduce alcohol abuse and reduce opportunities for minors to obtain alcohol. Operations like these will continue through June 2019.

Anyone with information on licensed liquor establishments providing alcohol to minors can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477, or by calling the Sheriff's Department's non-emergency line at (858) 565-5200.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

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