



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 04/03/09
Date & Time Occurred: 04/03/09 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Submitted By: Officer Richard Jimenez #484
Phone: 707-449-5200
Case Number 09-3004 and 09-3007
Type of Crime/Incident: Furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors
Location: 1470 Alamo Road and 970 Alamo Road #A
Suspects: Julio Vinegas Mejia
Henry Swensen III

Narrative:

On April 3, 2009, the Vacaville Police Department Youth Services Section (YSS) conducted shoulder tap operation in the City of Vacaville. The Shoulder Tap Program is an enforcement program that ABC and local law enforcement use to detect and deter shoulder tap activity. During the program, a minor, under the direct supervision of law enforcement officers, solicits adults outside of licensed premises to buy the minor alcoholic beverages. The minor will indicate to the adult they are under 21 years of age and the licensed premises will not sell them alcoholic beverages. Any person seen furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor are arrested (either cited or booked) for furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor (a violation of Section 25658(a) of the Business and Professions Code).

Four local businesses were visited and two arrests were made in violation during the course of the operation, with existing laws regarding furnishing of alcohol to minors. This operation was funded through the Grant Assistance Program by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

The Vacaville Police Department is committed to the safety of our community and ensuring our local businesses comply with all state and local regulations concerning the sale of alcohol. The Youth Services Section will be conducting additional sting operations to prevent adults from furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors.

The Police Department would like to remind our merchants to remain vigilant of minors attempting to solicit adults to purchase alcohol and tobacco products. Anyone with information concerning minors obtaining illegal substances is encouraged to contact the Youth Services Section of the Police Department at 707-449-6265.