



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 04/24/09
Date & Time Occurred: 04/24/09 5:57 p.m.
Submitted By: Officer Richard Jimenez #484
Phone: 707-449-5200
Case Number 09-3613
Type of Crime/Incident: Selling/Furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors
Location: Valero gas station, 900 Mason Street
Suspects: Shirley Renee Copple

Narrative:

On April 24, 2009, the Vacaville Police Department Youth Services Section (YSS) conducted a shoulder tap and Alcohol sting operation in the City of Vacaville. Both Programs are an enforcement program that the Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) and local law enforcement use to detect and deter shoulder tap activity and businesses selling alcoholic beverages to minors. During the Shoulder Tap 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).

Eleven (11) local businesses were visited and only one (1) business, Valero gas station Located at 900 Mason Street was in violation during the course of the operation, with existing laws regarding selling/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 in the future to ensure continued compliance with these laws.

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.