



## **Vacaville Police Department**

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** 04/05/10  
**Date & Time Occurred:** 04/02/10 – 04/04/10  
**Submitted By:** Sgt. Humbert  
**Phone:** 707-449-6265  
**Case Number:** 10-02480/ 10-02484/ 10-02513  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** Alcoholic Beverage Violation Enforcement  
**Location:** City of Vacaville  
**Suspects:** Shannon Cruz, 19, Vacaville resident  
Patrick Barker, 44, Vacaville resident  
Navjit Chohan, 25, Stockton resident

### **ALCOHOL VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES RESULT IN THREE ARRESTS**

**On Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3, officers from Vacaville Police Department's Youth Services Section conducted directed enforcement in an effort to combat alcoholic beverage consumption by juveniles.**

**On Friday night, officers worked with juvenile decoys that, under the direct supervision of officers, attempted to buy alcohol from businesses throughout the city or tried to get adults to buy it for them.**

**Purchases were attempted at convenience stores, grocery stores, and liquor stores throughout the city. Of the 17 local businesses that that were visited, none of them sold alcohol to the decoys. The Police Department applauds the employees of these businesses for their efforts. Additionally, 10 adults were asked outside some businesses to buy beer for the juveniles and only two agreed to cooperate.**

**The first suspect arrested was contacted in the parking lot of a convenience store on the south side of the city. Navjit Chohan, 25, of Stockton was immediately arrested after he gave the alcohol to the minors.**

**Later in the evening Patrick Barker, 44, of Vacaville was contacted in the parking lot of a convenience store off of E. Monte Vista Ave. and was arrested after he completed the transfer of the bottles of beer to the teens. Both suspects were given court dates and released with citations.**

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On Saturday night officers again deployed for purposes of combating alcoholic beverage consumption by juveniles.

Between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. officers responded to reports of juvenile parties that were disturbing the peace of others and patrolled City parks, schools, and other areas where juveniles might have been congregating.

Officers who were patrolling the north side of town conducted a car stop on a vehicle on Neil Street and ultimately arrested the driver, Shannon Cruz, 19, for violation of driving while intoxicated. The suspect's blood alcohol content was .19 percent, which is more than twice the legal limit for an adult driver. Cruz had three passengers in her vehicle, two of whom were also adults but under age 21, and all had been drinking.

On the south side of town, officers responded to a report of a party and initially found approximately 30 people at the home. Several of the party attendees fled out the back of the house and over fences into neighboring yards as soon as the police arrived. The host was a 19-year-old who was taking advantage of her parents being out of town. There were also some 16 and 17-year-olds at the residence. Officers contacted their parents to confirm they had permission to be at such a gathering. All of the parents chose to pick up their children.

It is not uncommon, and was claimed in this case, that the hostess invited "a few" friends over but quickly found herself overwhelmed with uninvited attendees who were bringing alcoholic beverages to the house. There are numerous risks of having a houseful of strangers, or at best acquaintances, including damage or theft of property, injury, battery, or sexual assault of intoxicated persons who cannot defend themselves, or contributing to the delinquency of minors for adults who might be present, among others potential criminal violations.

This operation was made possible by funding from a Grant that was awarded to the Vacaville Police Department by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Additional proactive enforcement actions such as these will be taking place in the future. Residents are encouraged to report suspected illegal activity to the Police Department by calling the 24-hour non-emergency number 449-5200.

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