



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 4/29/10
Date & Time 4/29/10 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Occurred:
Submitted By: Sergeant Kim Humbert
Phone: 707-449-5200
Type of
Crime/Incident: 308(a)(1) PC - Selling Tobacco to Minors
Case Number: 10-03224, 10-03225
Location: 901 Mason St. (Chevron Station), 199 Aegean Way (Arco AM/PM)
Suspects: Mayra Arriaga, 22, Vacaville resident
Usha Solanki, 48, Vacaville resident

TWO ARRESTED IN DECOY OPERATION; 18 OTHERS IN COMPLIANCE

A tobacco decoy operation conducted by officers from the Vacaville Police Department's Youth Services Section resulted in the arrest of two clerks on Thursday evening.

The operation used a minor decoy to attempt to purchase tobacco products at local establishments. The decoy was able to complete the purchase of tobacco products at the Chevron Station at 901 Mason St. and the Arco AM/PM at 199 Aegean Way. In both instances, the decoy was asked for his ID, and handed his valid California driver's license to the clerks for inspection. In spite of confirming the decoy was under the age of 18, the clerks sold the product to him anyway.

At the completion of each of the sales, an officer contacted each clerk who conducted the transaction and placed them under arrest for the misdemeanor violation. Both clerks were released at the scene on a citation with a court date. Additionally, eighteen (18) other businesses were contacted but refused to sell to the decoy. Those employees are commended for their diligence.

The funds for this operation and the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs efforts of the Vacaville Police Department are made possible through a grant from the Solano County Board of Supervisor's Reducing Rates Coalition. The goal of Minor Decoy Operations is to encourage greater compliance by businesses in preventing the sale of tobacco to minors.

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP(7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.