



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: May 10, 2011
Date & Time Occurred: May 6, 2011 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Submitted By: Sgt. Kim Humbert
Phone: 707-449-5200
Type of Crime/Incident: 308(a) PC – Selling Tobacco to Minors
Case Number: 11-3201, 11-3204, 11-3205, 11-3206, 11-3207,
Location: Food Fair 120 N. Orchard, L'il Havana 1011 Mason St., 7-11 1097 E. Monte Vista Ave., Raley's 3061 Alamo, Nugget 130 Browns Valley Parkway
Suspects: Alyssa Espinoza 1-31-89, Fairfield resident
Misty Petersen 10-20-59, Vacaville resident
Jose Cecilio-Lozano 3-6-71, Vacaville resident
Catrina James 6-16-79, Vacaville resident
Alida Van Vessem 4-7-86, Vacaville resident

FIVE CITED FOR SALES OF TOBACCO TO MINORS IN DECOY OPERATION

On May 6, 2011, the Vacaville Police Department conducted a minor decoy operation at various tobacco-licensed establishments. The operation used minor decoys to attempt to purchase tobacco products at local establishments.

The decoys worked under the direct supervision of officers from the Vacaville Police Department Youth Services Sections. Two teams were deployed and the decoys entered the businesses with their legitimate identification showing that they were under the age of 18. They asked for a pack of cigarettes, and if they were asked for their age or ID, they provided truthful information. The two teams attempted purchases at a combined total of 60 local businesses. Five businesses sold to the minors, while three of them did so after checking the identification of the decoy. Each of the suspects signed a Notice to Appear for the above violation, a misdemeanor, and was released.

The Vacaville Police Department would like to express appreciation to those businesses and employees who complied with the law and refused to complete a sale to the minors.

The funds for this operation and the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs efforts of the Vacaville Police Department's Youth Services Section (YSS) is made possible through a grant from the Solano County Board of Supervisor's. The goal of Minor Decoy Operations is to encourage greater compliance by businesses in preventing the sell of Tobacco to minors.