

**DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

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**ABC INVESTIGATORS TEAM WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO  
ARREST 1 SUSPECT FOR FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS**

Investigators from the Bakersfield Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and the Kern County Sheriff's Department arrested 1 suspect on 5-19-04 in the City of Tehachapi for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors.

ABC Investigators and local law enforcement conducted a program called a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation which targets adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Under the program, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

If the adults comply, investigators then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at ( 661) 395-2731.