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## **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HELP IN ABC GRANT TO PREVENT SALES OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS**

**Sacramento** – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has kicked off a campaign to help local law enforcement agencies throughout the state in preventing the sale of alcohol to minors. The \$2-million grant from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), administered through the Governor’s Office of Traffic Safety, will strengthen ABC’s Minor Decoy Program by giving 29 law enforcement agencies funding to target ABC licensed businesses that sell alcohol to minors.

Key to the program will be the participation of the Friday Night Live, a state-wide high school organization that deals with the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse on the peer level. Friday Night Live will offer student decoys, under the direct supervision of a law enforcement officer, to check on the compliance of liquor licensees in checking IDs and preventing the sale of alcohol to minors. Friday Night Live will also help in the public media campaign to alert liquor licensees of the increased scrutiny by local law enforcement, and in educating young people about the penalties of trying to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages.

Minors have a higher rate of fatal drunk driving crashes than the adult general population. According to the California Highway Patrol, 160 minors died in alcohol-related collisions in 2002 (the latest year that figures are available).

ABC Director Jerry R. Jolly said, “It is such a tragedy when young people are able to illegally obtain alcohol that result in death or serious injury. Licensees who sell to minors are committing a crime against young people when they are not diligent in checking IDs.”

The 29 law enforcement agencies (see attached list) will be working with Friday Night Live to identify those licensees who are not complying with the law.

In addition to the 29 law enforcement agencies, ABC investigators at District Offices throughout the State will be conducting Minor Decoy Operations in those areas not covered by the grant program.

During the current year, minor decoy operations around the state resulted in a twenty-three percent violation rate, or more than two out of every ten liquor licensees checked sold to minors.

Said Jolly, “We expect this increased emphasis on checking liquor licensees for compliance will reduce even more the availability of alcohol to minors.”

# **MINOR DECOY GRANT RECIPIENTS**

## **29 Law Enforcement Agencies**

<b>Bakersfield Police Department</b>	<b>\$16,260</b>
<b>Buena Park Police Department</b>	<b>\$11,167</b>
<b>Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department (Carpinteria)</b>	<b>\$12,300</b>
<b>Corona Police Department</b>	<b>\$13,038</b>
<b>El Cajon Police Department</b>	<b>\$14,501</b>
<b>El Centro Police Department</b>	<b>\$7,992</b>
<b>Elk Grove Police Department</b>	<b>\$19,544</b>
<b>Healdsburg Police Department</b>	<b>\$16,938</b>
<b>Riverside County Sheriff's Department (Lake Elsinore)</b>	<b>\$19,726</b>
<b>Mariposa County Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>\$10,080</b>
<b>Morro Bay Police Department</b>	<b>\$11,800</b>
<b>Oakland Police Department</b>	<b>\$19,985</b>
<b>Orland Police Department</b>	<b>\$6,449</b>
<b>Palo Alto Police Department</b>	<b>\$18,778</b>
<b>Pasadena Police Department</b>	<b>\$19,900</b>
<b>Plumas County Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>\$11,409</b>
<b>San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Poway)</b>	<b>\$18,884</b>
<b>Reedley Police Department</b>	<b>\$13,078</b>
<b>Sacramento County Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>\$18,432</b>
<b>Salinas Police Department</b>	<b>\$13,538</b>
<b>San Buenaventura Police Department (Ventura)</b>	<b>\$18,724</b>
<b>San Luis Obispo Police Department</b>	<b>\$18,404</b>
<b>Santa Rosa Police Department</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Shasta County Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>\$16,844</b>
<b>South Lake Tahoe Police Department</b>	<b>\$9,219</b>
<b>Susanville Police Department</b>	<b>\$11,850</b>
<b>Tulare County Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Twin Cities Police Department</b>	<b>\$16,176</b>
<b>Vallejo Police Department</b>	<b>\$14,711</b>