

**DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

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**ABC INVESTIGATORS TEAM WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO  
ARREST 4 SUSPECTS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG VIOLATIONS**

Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), Santa Barbara District Office and Van Nuys District Office, the Ventura County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, arrested two suspects on January 22, 2005, in the city of Thousand Oaks for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. In addition, investigators and deputies arrested one suspect for being under the influence of a controlled substance and one underage suspect for possessing an alcoholic beverage. The operation was conducted in the general vicinity of Thousand Oaks and Calabasas.

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 \$1000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at 818-901-5017.