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**Three Arrested during ABC Shoulder Tap Decoy Operation in West Sacramento**  
*Two purchase Alcohol for Minors and one is cited for Marijuana Possession*

**West Sacramento** - Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) arrested three suspects on April 3, 2007 during a Shoulder Tap Decoy Operation. Two adults were cited for furnishing alcohol to minors and a third was cited for being in possession of marijuana.

ABC Investigators 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 agree to purchase alcohol for the minor, 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.

The program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics show they generally have a higher rate of drunken driving crashes than adults. Studies also show the combination of alcohol and youth tends to increase criminal conduct. According to the American Medical Association, underage drinking can increase chances of risky sexual behavior and teen pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, compromise health, and result in unintentional injury and death.

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