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**Two Arrested during ABC, Pismo Beach Police Operation**

**(PISMO BEACH)** – Investigators from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and Pismo Beach Police Department Detectives conducted a program called a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation April 14, 2007 which resulted in two arrests in the city of Pismo Beach.

The Decoy Shoulder Tap program 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, the peace officers arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor.

During the operation, 16 adults were contacted by a minor decoy and two agreed to illegally buy alcohol for the minor decoy.

The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

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