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ABC Checks 17 Businesses in Yuba City and Four Sell Alcohol to Minors

Yuba City - Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) have cited four individuals for selling alcohol to a minor during an October 23, 2008 enforcement operation. The actions were the result of a compliance check operation in which minors under the direct supervision of investigators, attempted to purchase alcohol from 17 retail licensees in Yuba City.

Those who sold to the minor face a minimum fine of \$250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the business's liquor license. That may include a fine, a suspension of the liquor license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

ABC is conducting the compliance checks state-wide to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

188 persons under the age of 21 were killed in alcohol-related crashes in California during 2007. ABC Director Steve Hardy says ABC investigators will continue checking licensed businesses to ensure compliance with the law.

Minor Decoy operations have been conducted by local law enforcement throughout the state since the 1980's. In 1994, the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that use of underage decoys is a valid tool of law enforcement to ensure that liquor licensees are complying with the law.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Agency Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.