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## **ABC Cites Six Individuals for Selling or Furnishing Alcohol to Minors** *Operation Conducted with Los Angeles Police Department, Wilshire Vice Division*

**(Los Angeles)** - Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and Officers with the Los Angeles Police Department, Wilshire Vice Division, cited 4 individuals for purchasing alcohol for minors and two individuals for selling alcohol to minors on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

The enforcement activity involved a Minor Decoy operation and a Decoy Shoulder Tap operation. A Minor Decoy operation is where minors under the direct supervision of ABC Investigators, attempt to purchase alcohol from retail licensees. Investigators visited 10 locations in Los Angeles and two of the 10 businesses allowed sales of alcohol to minors. The penalty for selling alcohol to a minor is \$250 and/or 24-32 hours of community service. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage license of the business. That may include a fine, a suspension of the license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

A Decoy Shoulder Tap operation involves a person under the age of 21 who asks individuals to purchase alcohol for them. 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 24-32 hours of community service.

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

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