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SAN FERNANDO POLICE & ABC CONDUCT SHOULDER TAP OPERATION RESULTING IN ZERO VIOLATIONS



SAN FERNANDO, CA – San Fernando Police and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) conducted a Shoulder Tap Operation at several ABC licensed locations on June 12, 2023, within the City of San Fernando, for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. During the operation, not a single member of the public purchased alcohol for the minor decoys.

During the operation, which targets adults who purchase alcohol for persons under the age of 21, a minor under the direct supervision of law enforcement stands outside of a liquor or convenience store and asks customers to buy them alcohol. The minor also indicates they are underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

“Protecting our youth is a priority for the San Fernando Police Department. We will continue collaborating with our law enforcement partners to reduce the incidents of underage drinking.” said Chief Fabian Valdez.

If an adult agrees to purchase alcohol for the underage person, they can be arrested and cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

“We conduct these operations to keep alcohol out of the hands of our youth,” said ABC Director Eric Hirata. “By preventing underage drinking we can increase the quality of life in our communities and reduce DUIs.”

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Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a much higher risk of being involved in a crash than older drivers. About 25 percent of fatal crashes involve underage drinking according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the ABC Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) program.

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About the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is an agency of the government of the state of California charged with the regulation of alcoholic beverages. ABC's mission is to provide the highest level of service and public safety to the people of California through licensing, education, and enforcement. ABC is a department of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

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