



Press Release

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Subject : Redondo Beach Police and Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control conduct a Minor Decoy Operation that results in the issuance of four citations .

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Redondo Beach Police and an Investigator from The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted a Minor Decoy operation in the City of Redondo Beach on Thursday, September 22, 2005. This operation was the second in a series of monthly operations being conducted in accordance with a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control grant that was awarded to the City of Redondo Beach. The purpose of the grant is to reduce underage drinking through enforcement and educational programs.

On Thursday, a minor decoy attempted to purchase alcohol from eleven different off-sale establishments located within the City of Redondo Beach. Three of the establishments sold alcohol to the minor, while eight did not complete the sale. The three clerks that sold alcohol to the minor were cited by Redondo Beach Police for unlawful sales of alcohol to a minor and released at the scene. The minor also solicited adults to purchase alcohol at three separate locations. A total of sixteen adults were solicited. One adult took money from the minor, purchased alcohol and gave the alcohol to the minor. Redondo Beach Police cited the adult for furnishing alcohol to a minor and he was released at the scene.

Redondo Beach Police Officers will be conducting regular operations with The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, at local establishments, to ensure compliance with state and local laws. Efforts are also being dedicated toward adults who knowingly purchase alcohol for minors after being solicited in front of off-sale establishments. These enforcement activities will enhance the safety of the City of Redondo Beach by assuring compliance with underage drinking laws.

The Police Department is asking all citizens to refrain from knowingly purchasing alcohol for minors which will help in reducing the number of unnecessary and preventable tragedies attributed to alcohol abuse by minors. We are also asking the public to notify the Police Department with any information regarding local establishments that knowingly furnish alcohol to minors.