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Subject: Statewide Minor Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation

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Details:

On March 14, 2015 Detectives from the Huntington Beach Police Department's Special Investigation Bureau participated in a statewide pre-St. Patrick's Day "Shoulder Tap" operation. This operation used under aged decoys to target adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Nearly 100 agencies statewide participated in this event, which resulted in 412 citations and arrests. The program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

HBPD Detectives visited 10 locations throughout the City of Huntington Beach and contacted over 26 people. These contacts resulted in four citations for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors and two citations for Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol. 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 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control through the department's Grant Assistance Program.