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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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Over the past 30 days Lakeport Police Officers and California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Investigators have been conducting alcoholic beverage enforcement operations in Lakeport.

During the Labor Day weekend, surveillance operations were conducted in locations where alcoholic beverages were being sold. Officers cited three adults who they witnessed purchasing alcoholic beverages for minors. Four minors who were provided alcohol by the three adults were also cited.

On September 11, 2008 a "Shoulder-Tap" operation was conducted. The "Shoulder-Tap" program targets adults who illegally assist minors with the purchase of alcoholic beverages. A minor decoy contacted numerous adults outside local alcoholic beverage licensed premises. One adult male subject purchased alcohol for the minor decoy. The subject was cited for a misdemeanor violation of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

On September 25, 2008 a "Minor Decoy" operation was conducted. The "Minor Decoy" targets alcohol licensed premises who sell alcoholic beverages to minors. During the operation 13 businesses were visited.

Two employees, one from the Valero station and the other from the USA Mini Mart sold an alcoholic beverage to the minor decoy. Both employees were cited for a misdemeanor violation of sales of alcohol to a minor.

The department thanks and commends all of the adults and alcoholic licensed establishments who refused to sell alcohol to a minor. Those establishments were Main Street Pizza, Konocti Gas & Mart, Two Jacks Mini Stop, Perko's, Round Table Pizza, Hong Kong, Chevron, Fast Stop, Express Mart, Safeway, Chopsticks, Bruno's Shop Smart and both Lakeport area Tower Mart's.

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