



# *Chowchilla Police Department*

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**Date:** April 5, 2010  
**To:** Media  
**From:** David Noblett, Police Sergeant  
**Subject:** Decoy/Shoulder Tap Operation

On April 2, 2010, the Chowchilla Police Department, California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Madera County Sheriff's Department conducted a Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Operation regarding sales of alcohol to minors. The decoy was sent into stores that sell alcohol in the City of Chowchilla and the surrounding area. The decoy was unsuccessful at 14 of the stores due to the clerks asking the decoy for identification or their age. The decoys were able to purchase alcohol at three local establishments. Jovanna Ledesma (26) of Chowchilla was arrested at Kwik Serve in the 100 block of E. Robertson Blvd., Jonathan Ferguson, (22), of Chowchilla was arrested at 76 Mini Mart located in the 100 block of W. Robertson Blvd., and Andrea Adair, (28), of Chowchilla was arrested at Shell Mini Mart located in the 100 block of N. Chowchilla Blvd. All three clerks were issued citations for furnishing alcohol to a minor and released at the scene.

During the Shoulder Tap Operation, Lori Desouza, (47) of Chowchilla and Christina Kjostad, (33), of Chowchilla were arrested in the 18000 block of Avenue 24 after purchasing alcohol for the decoys. Desouza and Kjostad were issued a citation and released at the scene. Desouza was also cited for driving without a valid license.

A Shoulder Tap occurs when a decoy is placed in front of a store with a valid liquor license. The decoy asks customers to purchase alcohol for them due to them being underage and the clerk refusing to sell to them.

"Keeping minors from being able to obtain alcohol is, and will continue to be, a priority for the Chowchilla Police Department" stated Sgt. Dave Noblett. "The Department commends all of the clerks and customers who refused to sell or furnish alcohol to the decoys." Anyone who witnesses the sale of alcohol to minors is encouraged to call the Chowchilla Police Department at (559) 665-8600.

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