



Chowchilla Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: A.B.C. Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Operation

On Thursday, June 19, 2008, members of the Chowchilla Police Department and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted a Minor Decoy Operation in Chowchilla. The decoy was sent into stores that have a valid liquor license within the City of Chowchilla and the surrounding areas in the County of Madera. The decoy was unable to purchase alcohol at all 17 establishments. The operation was conducted as part of the grant received from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in July of 2007. Furnishing alcohol to a minor is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail and/or a fine. "I want to commend every clerk in all of the businesses who refused to sell alcohol to the decoy" stated Sgt. Noblett of the Chowchilla Police Department. "Throughout the past year, the Chowchilla Police Department and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control have made it difficult for minors to buy alcohol in the City of Chowchilla which makes our community that much safer".

Officers also conducted a Shoulder Tap Operation in conjunction with the Minor Decoy Operation. A Shoulder Tap is where the decoy asks customers of the establishments to purchase alcohol for them due to the decoy being underage. Czeslaw Kucharski, (72), of Chicago, Il. was arrested in the 18000 Block of Avenue 24 for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Kucharski was cited and released on scene.

"I want to commend all of the citizens who refused to purchase alcohol for the decoy and reported the decoy to the Police Department. The Chowchilla Police Department and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control will continue to aggressively enforce the alcohol laws in regard to underage drinking" stated Sgt. Noblett of the Chowchilla Police

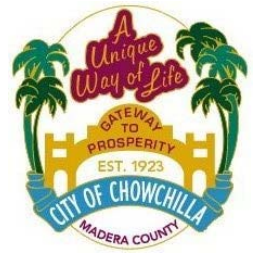
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Department. Anyone who witnesses underage drinking is encouraged to call the Chowchilla Police Department at 559-665-8600.

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