

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

Police Department

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Shoulder-Tap Decoys

The Torrance Police Department recently participated in a “Decoy Shoulder-Tap” operation on June 12th, 2017 within its city limits. During the operation, the Department utilized three decoys which resulted in the following:

- Three random locations visited / checked.
- Sixteen subjects contacted.
- ZERO subjects were found to furnish alcohol to minors (an improvement from the one subject who opted to furnish alcohol to minors back on March 11th, 2017).

During the operation, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase alcohol. If the adult agrees, and purchases alcohol for the minor, officers will arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty is a minimum \$1,000.00 fine and 24 hours community service.

The Torrance Police Department is one of several agencies to collaborate with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The goal of this operation is to continually raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking, and also make it clear to any adults that buy alcohol for minors that there are serious consequences. The operation is also an effort to build safer and stronger communities by holding individuals accountable for illegal activity.

This local operation was funded by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control through the Department’s Grant Assistance Program (GAP). The Torrance Department will continue to participate and support ABC in protecting communities through excellence in education and by administering prevention and enforcement programs designed to increase compliance with California’s alcoholic beverage laws.

This operation was conducted under the command and direction of Torrance Police Captain Martin Vukotic of the Special Operations Bureau.

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