

Minor Decoy Operation

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Incident: Minor Decoy Operation

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: City of Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: February 13, 2015

Officer(s) Involved: Ofc. Bernadette Compean, Ofc. Tony Gomez, Ofc. Robert Lamborn

Victim(s): State of California

Suspect(s): Daniel Estrada, age 25, Ventura resident

Narrative:

The Ventura Police Department conducted a Minor Decoy Operation at various alcohol establishments throughout the City Of Ventura. The Minor Decoy Program is an enforcement program that Alcohol Beverage Control and local law enforcement agencies use to detect and deter the sales of alcohol to minors. During the program, a minor decoy, under the direct supervision of law enforcement officers, attempts to purchase alcohol at retail locations.

During the operation, the decoy attempted to purchase alcohol at 6 different locations. Of those 6 locations one business sold alcohol to the 19 year old minor decoy. The business was:

Sharky's Woodfire Mexican Grill, located at 4960 Telephone Rd., Ste 101 in Ventura. The cashier Daniel Estrada, age 25 was cited and released for 25658(a) Business and Professions code – Sales of Alcohol to a minor.

The following businesses DID NOT sell to the minor decoy:

Bench Warmer Bar, 1855 E. Main St., Ventura.

Pizza Man Dan's, 1413 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura.

Presto Pasta, 5722 Telephone Rd., Ste. C10, Ventura.

Ventura Surf Brewery, 4561 Market St., Ste. A, Ventura.

Topper's Pizza, 3940 E. Main St., Ventura.

The Ventura Police Department reminds you that it is illegal to furnish alcohol to any one under the age of twenty one. We urge everyone to take a firm stance to not furnish alcohol to any minors.

Furnishing alcohol to minors could result in the following:

Arrest: It is illegal to furnish alcohol to persons under 21 years of age. Selling and/or furnishing alcohol to a minor is a misdemeanor offense and violators are subject to a \$1000 fine.

Underage drinking consequences: Increased risk of physical and sexual assaults, risky sexual behavior, drug use, alcohol poisoning and more.

Affect on our community: alcohol related injuries such as deaths from motor vehicle accidents or suicides. Disruptive behavior such as disturbing the peace and vandalism.

Let's keep our community safe and healthy by keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors.

Officer Bernadette Compean is our Department's Alcohol Enforcement Officer and supervised the operation. She is also in charge of the Responsible Retailer Program, which is a program to improve public health and safety in our community by increasing the awareness of the dangers that result from improper sales and service of alcoholic beverages, particularly to minors and those who may already be intoxicated. The Ventura Police Department, in conjunction with other county agencies and organizations, provides alcohol beverage establishments with responsible beverage sales and service training. Officer Compean oversees all Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) licenses and alcohol sales permits within the City of Ventura.