

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 28, 2014

Officer(s) Involved: Ofc. Bernadette Compean, Sgt. Al Gomez, Cpl. Craig Kelly

Victim(s): State of California

Suspect(s): Delphina Quinonez, age 37, Oxnard resident; Rica Parras, age 29, 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 10 different locations. Of those 10 locations two businesses sold alcohol to the 19 year old minor decoy. The businesses were:

Ralph's Grocery Store, located at 9372 Telephone Road. The cashier, Delphina Quinonez, age 37 was cited and released for 25658(a) Business and Professions code – Sales of Alcohol to a minor.

O'Learys Side Bar, located at 6555 Telephone Road. The bartender, Rica Parras, age 29 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:

Scandia Market, 10257 Telephone Rd., Ventura

Lucky Seven Liquor Store, 10337 Telephone Rd., Ventura

Circle K, 1001 S. Petit Ave., Ventura

Cronies, 2855 Johnson Dr., Ste. N, Ventura

AM/PM, 5669 Valentine Rd., Ventura

Ralph's Grocery Store, 1776 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura

Trader Joe's, 1795 S. Victoria Ave., Ste. 4, Ventura

Victoria Pub & Grill, 1413 S. Victoria Ave., Ste. F, Ventura

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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.