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## **RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS “MINOR DECOY” OPERATION**

Riverside, CA – On January 28, 2016, The Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit conducted a minor decoy operation in the City of Riverside. Each minor, under the supervision of police detectives, would enter an establishment and attempt to purchase alcohol from an employee. The minors were directed to show their California driver's license, California identification card, or tell the employee their age if asked.

The operation, occurring over a four-hour period, was conducted at nine businesses with three businesses selling alcohol to a minor. Each sale to a minor is a criminal offense and the businesses are subject to administrative penalties by the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, including having their license to sell alcoholic beverages suspended or revoked. The employee that sells alcohol to a minor is also arrested and given a citation. The penalties for a violation could be a fine up to \$600.00, up to 36 months of probation, jail time, and community service.

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