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**EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS ABC
COMPLIANCE CHECK OPERATION: 7 CITED & 1 ARRESTED.**

On 12-31-08, between approximately 2:00 PM and 10:00 PM, Eureka Police Officers cited seven (7) people for selling alcohol to minors under the age of 21 years. This action was the result of a compliance check operation in which minors “decoys” under the direct supervision of Eureka Police Officers attempted to purchase alcohol from retail licensees in the City of Eureka.

The minor decoy was **able** to purchase alcohol from the following locations:

- 1). California Market (2100 California)
- 2). Asia Oriental Market (2338 Albee)
- 3). Lao Oriental Market (2908 E Street)
- 4). Circle K/ Union 76 (2480 6th Street)
- 5). Patriot Gasoline (1711 4th Street)
- 6). Patriot Gasoline (4175 Broadway)
- 7). Union 76 (1411 Broadway)

The minor was **unable** to purchase alcohol from the following locations:

- 1). Pat’s Market (1201 11th Street)
- 2). Shell Gasoline (2111 4th Street)
- 3). Performance Fuels (1125 4th Street)
- 4). Courthouse Market (905 4th Street)
- 5). Shell Gasoline (1310 5th Street)
- 6). N&S Liquors (1505 5th Street)
- 7). Chevron (2806 Broadway)
- 8). Texaco (3505 Broadway)
- 9). Broadway 76 (4050 Broadway)
- 10). Bonomini’s Market (3500 Little Fairfield)
- 11). Performance Fuels (1007 Broadway)
- 12). Patriot Gasoline (1723 Broadway)
- 13). Stop and Shop Market (39 Wabash)
- 14). C&V Market (1634 F Street)
- 15). Handee Market (3500 F Street)
- 16). Harris and K Market (3103 K Street)
- 17). Harris Street Market (411 West Harris)
- 18). Rite Aid (411 Harris Street)
- 19). Shell Gasoline (1434 Myrtle Ave)
- 20). Longs Drugs (1111 Myrtle Ave)

During the operation, the minor decoy also solicited four adults for the purchase of alcoholic beverages outside a local licensed establishment. As a result, Valerie Martinez (age 49 years) of Eureka was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Martinez was also subsequently found to be in possession of a controlled

substance. Martinez was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked for possession of a controlled substance and probation violation.

Those who sold to the minor decoy face a fine of up to \$250.00, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) may take administrative action against the business's liquor license. That may include a fine, a suspension of the liquor license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

The Eureka Police Department would like to commend the twenty (20) local licensees/businesses that were in compliance and prevented the sale of alcohol to a minor.

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