

Eureka Police Department Cites 6 People for furnishing Alcohol to Minors

EUREKA – The Eureka Police Department cited 6 people on 06-12-2010 for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. The operation was conducted at various locations within the City of Eureka.

The Eureka Police Department conducted a program called a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation which targets adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Under the program, 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 that he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

If the adults agree to purchase alcohol for the minor, officers then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1000 fine and 24 hours of community service. This program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics show they generally have a higher rate of drunken driving crashes than adults. Studies also show the combination of alcohol and youth tends to increase criminal conduct.

The following people were cited and released for violation of **Business and Professions Code Section of 25658(a) – Furnishing alcohol to minors:**

Gerald Alan SWECKER, 56 years old of Eureka

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Eric Duane NELSON, 28 years old of Eureka

Randy Jack KOBICI, 52 years old of Eureka

John Allen KNOTT, 55 years old of Eureka

Stephen Douglas MILLER, 50 years old of Eureka

This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Minor Decoy / Shoulder Tap Grant Project, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For additional information about the Shoulder Tap / Minor Decoy Grant Program contact **Officer Ed Wilson** at **441-4060**.

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