

Merced Police Department

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Merced Police Department Conducts Shoulder Tap Alcohol Sting

Officers with the Merced Police Department worked one shoulder tap sting operation on September 2nd. The purpose of the sting operation is to cite adults for furnishing alcohol to minors. Under the direct supervision of the officers, minor decoys stood outside three local businesses that are licensed to sell alcohol and asked adults entering the stores to purchase alcohol for them.

Twenty adults were approached by the minor decoys who did not sell alcohol to minors. However, four adults were willing to purchase alcohol for minors. All adults were cited: Howard Jones, Brandon Trefault, Maxine Williams, and Nathaniel Cooksey.

Funding for this program was provided by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Merced Police Department officers partnered with ABC in conducting the sting operation.

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