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Type of Incident: **National City Police Department and ABC Cites 5 in a Statewide Underage Drinking Enforcement Operation**

Location: National City, California

Incident Details:

National City Police Department and agents from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) cited 5 individuals during ABC's statewide [Shoulder Tap](#) operation on March 11, 2023 in National City for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. This enforcement operation is designed to create awareness about the dangers of underage drinking throughout California and keep communities safe.

A Shoulder Tap operation focuses on adults who purchase alcohol for persons under the age of 21. A minor under the direct supervision of law enforcement stands outside of a liquor or convenience store and asks customers to buy them alcohol. The minor also indicates they are underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

"Underage drinking harms our community. Preventing the sale of alcohol to minors will help to increase public safety and make our roads safer," said National City Police Department Chief of Police Alejandro Hernandez.

If an adult agrees to purchase alcohol for the underage person, they can be arrested and cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

"We conduct these operations to keep alcohol out of the hands of our youth," said ABC Director Joseph McCullough. "By preventing underage drinking we can increase the quality of life in our communities and reduce DUIs."



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Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a much higher risk of being involved in a crash than older drivers. [About 25 percent of fatal crashes involve underage drinking](#) according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

This operation was funded by ABC's [Alcohol Policing Partnership](#) program and the California Office of Traffic Safety through NHTSA.



About the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is an agency of the government of the state of California charged with the regulation of alcoholic beverages. ABC's mission is to provide the highest level of service and public safety to the people of California through licensing, education, and enforcement. ABC is a department of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.



About the National City Police Department

In partnership with our community, the National City Police Department (NCPD) is committed to providing the highest level of service and public safety. We will pursue this commitment with an unwavering resolve while always respecting the rights and dignity of those we serve.

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