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Subject: **CVPD and ABC Agents Arrest One Suspect for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors**

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Chula Vista Police Department and agents from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) arrested one suspect on December 23, 2025, for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. The operation was conducted in Chula Vista.

ABC agents and local law enforcement conducted a [Shoulder Tap](#) operation, which targets 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.

“There’s no excuse for providing alcohol to underage kids,” said Chief of Police Roxana Kennedy. “We are committed to operations like Shoulder Tap that help us go after anyone who puts our community at risk.”

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.

“Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap help restrict underage access to alcohol by deterring adults from selling to them,” said ABC Director Paul Tupy. “These programs have steadily decreased the accessibility of minors to obtain alcohol from licensed premises and the general public.”

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).

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the ABC [Alcohol Policing Partnership \(APP\) program](#).

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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.

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