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## **Torrance Police Department and ABC Complete Decoy Operations in Attempt to Reduce Underage Drinking**



During the month of April 2016, Agents from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) along with Torrance Police Department Detectives conducted two Minor Decoy Operations at various locations throughout the City of Torrance. The Minor Decoy Operations involved minors who work under the direct supervision of department agents. The minors attempted to purchase alcohol from sixteen retail licensees in the City of Torrance. As a result of the operations, one clerk was cited for selling alcohol to a minor.

Under California state law, those who sell alcohol to a minor face a minimum fine of \$250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage license of the business where alcohol was sold to a minor. That may include a fine, a suspension or the permanent revocation of the license. .

The Torrance Police Department with the assistance of ABC is conducting the compliance checks statewide to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunken driving fatalities than the general adult population.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) through the Department's Grant Assistance Program. ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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