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Huntington Beach Police Department Conducts Undercover Operations Targeting Alcohol and Narcotics Related Crimes

In an effort to decrease underage drinking and DUI incidents, over the last two months, Detectives from the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) conducted operations targeting licensed premises and individuals selling alcohol and alcoholic beverages to underage individuals. These undercover operations were made possible thanks to grant funding from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Undercover alcohol operations aid in the HBPD's efforts to reduce alcohol related crimes and youth access to alcohol.

These grant funded operations consisted of Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap which involves underage decoys attempting to purchase alcohol from ABC licensed locations or adults who purchase for people under the age of 21. Undercover proactive enforcement of alcohol and narcotics related crimes in public was also conducted as part of this program. An overview of these recent operations are as follows:

June 14, 2021 - Downtown and Beach Undercover Proactive Enforcement:

Individuals Contacted: 14

Arrests/Citations: 4

June 4, 2021 - Citywide Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Operations:

Locations Visited: 6

Individuals Contacted: 12

Arrests: 1

May 22, 2021 - Citywide Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Operations:

Locations Visited: 20 Individuals Contacted: 8

Arrests: 4

This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Alcohol Policing Partnership.