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Media Release: October 18th, 2019 Sheriff's Office Alcohol and Tobacco Operation

In the evening of October 17th, 2019 members of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Unit ran a decoy operation using an undercover minor. The goal of this operation was to limit minors' access to alcoholic beverages and tobacco products in the community.

Minor decoys are under 21 years of age and are under the direct supervision of the compliance Deputies during the operation. During this operation, the minor attempted to purchase tobacco products and alcoholic beverages at 7 locations in the North County area of Santa Cruz County.

The decoy attempted to purchase alcohol or tobacco products from the following locations, but was denied:

- Arros Country Store Davenport No sale
- Felton Liquors Felton No sale

The minor decoy was sold alcohol or tobacco products at the following locations:

- Online Delivery Safeway Felton Sold alcohol and tobacco
- On Sale – Cowboy Diner Felton Sold alcohol
- On Sale – Taqueria Vallarta Felton Sold alcohol
- On Sale – Round Table Pizza Felton Sold alcohol
- Off Sale – Valero Felton Sold tobacco

The store clerks from the Cowboy Diner, Taqueria Vallarta, Round Table and Valero were each issued a citation and released with a court date for 25658(a) B&P, furnishing alcohol to a minor (a misdemeanor). The store delivery clerk from the Safeway will be issued a citation and for 25658(a) B&P and 308(a)(1)(A)(I) PC furnishing tobacco to a minor (a misdemeanor).

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