



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 05/08/12
Date & Time Occurred: 05/04/12 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Submitted By: Sgt. Kim Humbert
Phone: 707-449-5200
Case Number: 12-02919
Type of Crime/Incident: Tobacco Sales Enforcement
Location: 501 Peabody Road - United Oil Gas
Suspects: Marquita Devereax 29 years old – Fairfield resident

ONE CLERK ARRESTED DURING TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT OPERATION

On Friday, May 4, 2012, officers from Vacaville Police Department's Youth Services Section (YSS) conducted directed enforcement in an effort to combat sales of tobacco products to minors.

Officers worked with juvenile decoys who, under the direct supervision of officers, attempted to buy tobacco from businesses throughout the city.

Purchases were attempted at convenience stores, grocery stores, and liquor stores throughout the city. Of the 62 local businesses that were visited, only one sale was completed. The decoy displayed an ID showing he was not yet 18 years old and the clerk sold the product to him anyway. The clerk was arrested and released on a notice to appear for a violation of 308(a) CVC – Selling tobacco products to a minor. The Vacaville Police Department wants to recognize and commend those businesses and individual employees who followed the law and did not sell products to children.

The funds for this operation and the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs (ATOD) efforts of the Vacaville Police Department's Youth Services Section is made possible through grants from the Solano County Board of Supervisors and the Reducing Rates Coalition.

Residents are encouraged to report suspected illegal activity to the Police Department by calling the 24-hour non-emergency number 449-5200.