



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 04/18/14
Date & Time Occurred: 04/18/14 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Submitted By: Sergeant Kim Humbert
Phone: 707-449-5200
Case Number: 14-2963, 14-2964, 14-2965, 14-2966, 14-2967, 14-2969
Type of Crime/Incident: 308(a) PC – Sale of Tobacco to Minors
Location: Various
Suspects: Taylor Fields - 19 yrs,
Parampreet Singh - 29 yrs,
Rajinder Kumar - 37 yrs,
Rubyan Rodriguez-Velasquez - 22 yrs,
Alberta Friedline - 61 yrs,
Kenisha Smith - 24 yrs

TOBACCO STING OPERATION NETS 6 ARRESTS

Narrative:

On Friday, April 18, 2014, officers from the 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. In the allotted time, officers were only able to get to 28 businesses on their lists of those that sell tobacco. Out of those, six clerks sold tobacco products to the minors. The decoys displayed an ID showing that they were not yet 18 years old and the clerk sold the product to them anyway. All clerks were arrested and released on a notice to appear for the misdemeanor violation of 308(a) PC – 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.

This is a marked increase of sales to minors over previous sting operation results. More operations will be conducted in the future to encourage compliance with laws regarding the illegal sale of these products to underaged individuals.

The funds for this operation and the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs 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.

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP.(7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.



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