



## Vacaville Police Department

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# Press Release

**Today's Date:** November 25, 2014  
**Date & Time Occurred:** November 25, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Submitted By:** Sergeant Todd Dye  
**Phone:** (707) 449-5200  
**Case Number:** 14-8721, 14-8724, 14-8728, 14-8729, 14-8730, 14-8731  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** 308(a) PC – Sell Tobacco To a Minor  
**Location:** 641 Merchant Street, Cigarettes and More  
2490 Nut Tree Road, 7-Eleven  
1097 E. Monte Vista Avenue, 7-Eleven  
146 Browns Valley Parkway, Parkway Food and Liquor  
800 Merchant Street, Valero  
970 Merchant Street, Chevron  
**Suspects:** Celina Tamayo a 22 year old Vacaville resident  
Kristen Heckens a 46 year old Vacaville resident  
Gurcharan Singh a 42 year old Vacaville resident  
Shadi Ram a 59 year old Vacaville resident  
Laurie Mix a 46 year old Vacaville resident  
Rajiv Sharma a 45 year old Vacaville resident

## Tobacco Enforcement Operation Nets Six Arrests

The Vacaville Police Department Youth Services Section (YSS) conducted a tobacco enforcement operation using minor decoys. The goal of the operation was to reduce the availability of tobacco to minors, encourage compliance with tobacco sales regulations, and to provide education about enforcement to businesses. Under direct supervision, a minor was sent into 42 Vacaville businesses. In each case, the minor asked for a tobacco product. At six businesses, the clerk completed the transaction and sold the tobacco product to the minor. In each case, the store clerk either did not ask the minor for identification or looked at the identification and completed the transaction. Each time the minor was asked for identification, they presented an identification card that clearly showed they were not 18 years old.

At the other 36 locations, the minor was turned away after those clerks saw the identification indicating the minor was not 18 years old.

The above listed suspects were the clerks who sold tobacco products to the minor decoy. Each of them was arrested for selling tobacco to a minor – 308(a) PC and was released on their promise to appear.

The Vacaville Police Department strives to keep the youth of our community safe. This includes keeping them safe from harmful substances. If anyone has information as to where illegal or harmful substances are being obtained by minors they can call the Vacaville Police Department Youth Services Section at (707) 449-6086.