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Subject: CVPD and ABC Cite One During Underage Drinking Enforcement Operation

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Chula Vista Police Department, in partnership with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), cited one individual during a Shoulder Tap operation on May 6, 2026, for furnishing alcohol to a minor. This operation aims to raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking and enhance community safety.

Shoulder Tap operations target adults who purchase alcohol for individuals under 21. Under the direct supervision of law enforcement, a minor stands outside a liquor or convenience store and asks customers to buy alcohol, clearly stating they are underage.

Adults who agree to purchase alcohol for a minor may be arrested and cited. The penalty includes a minimum $1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

“Prevention and education are key to reducing underage drinking,” said Chula Vista Police Department Acting Chief Dan Peak. “Operations like these serve as an important reminder that providing alcohol to minors is illegal and puts young people at risk. Our goal is to protect youth and keep our community safe.”

Drivers under 21 are at significantly higher risk of being involved in a crash than older drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly one-third of young drivers killed in fatal crashes had been drinking.

“We conduct these operations to keep alcohol out of the hands of our youth,” said ABC Director Paul Tupy. “By preventing underage drinking, we can increase the quality of life in our communities and reduce DUIs.”

This operation was funded by ABC’s Alcohol Policing Partnership program and the California Office of Traffic Safety through NHTSA.

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About the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
The mission of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is to provide the highest level of service and public safety to the people of the State through licensing, education, and enforcement.

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