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Nevada County Sheriff's Office and ABC Agents Arrest Suspect for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor

Penn Valley – Nevada County Sheriff's Office and agents from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) arrested one suspect on Sept. 14, 2023 for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. The operation was conducted in Penn Valley and Auburn.

ABC agents and local law enforcement conducted a [Shoulder Tap](#) operation, which targets adults who purchase alcohol for persons under the age of 21. A minor under the direct supervision of law enforcement stands outside of a liquor or convenience store and asks customers to buy them alcohol. The minor also indicates they are underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

"Underage drinking harms our community. Preventing the sale of alcohol to minors will help to increase public safety and make our roads safer," said Sergeant Andrew Liller.

If an adult agrees to purchase alcohol for the underage person, they can be arrested and cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

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

Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a much higher risk of being involved in a crash than older drivers. [About 25 percent of fatal crashes involve underage drinking](#), according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the ABC [Alcohol Policing Partnership \(APP\) program](#).

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About the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is an agency of the government of the state of California charged with the regulation of alcoholic beverages. ABC's mission is to provide the highest level of service and public safety to the people of California through licensing, education, and enforcement. ABC is a department of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

About the Nevada County Sheriff's Department

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office mission is to provide excellence in public service in partnership with our community.