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Nevada County Sheriff's Office and ABC Cite One in a Statewide Underage Drinking Enforcement Operation

Penn Valley – Deputies of the Nevada County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) and agents from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) cited one individual in Penn Valley for furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor during ABC's statewide [Shoulder Tap](#) operation, which occurred on March 15, 2025. This enforcement operation is designed to create awareness about the dangers of underage drinking throughout California and to keep communities safe.

A Shoulder Tap operation focuses on 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.

"The goal is to deter furnishing of alcohol to minors and to bring awareness to the dangers of underage alcohol abuse," said NCSO 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 Director Joseph 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).

This operation was funded by ABC's [Alcohol Policing Partnership \(APP\)](#) program and the California Office of Traffic Safety through (NHTSA).

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About ABC

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.

About NCSO:

NCSO's mission is to provide excellence in public service in partnership with our community.