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TOBACCO STING RESULTS IN ARREST

(Woodland, CA) – August 25, 2009 Jeff Reisig, Yolo County District Attorney, announced that on August 22, 2009, a Grimes woman, working at Wayside Market, located at 9515 Locust St., Knights Landing, CA was arrested for selling tobacco to a sixteen year old under cover police decoy. Investigators from the Yolo County District Attorney's office continue to conduct sting operations, funded entirely by licensing fees collected from those businesses who wish to sell tobacco within the County.

During the operations, the District Attorney's Office use under age minors as decoys. The decoys are supervised by peace officers, and enter into tobacco selling establishments, for the purpose of purchasing tobacco. At 12:49 P.M., a sixteen year old decoy entered WAYSIDE MARKET and successfully purchased a single pack of cigarettes. The decoy handed his/her ID card after being requested. Despite the card showing that he/she didn't turn eighteen years old until 2011 the sale was allowed to occur.

Lt. Dan Stroski, who supervised the tobacco sting detail said: "This arrest marks the eighth since October of 2008. I really want to emphasize the need for employers to train their employees on how to check ID's and, to explain what the blue and red lines emphasize. It's not enough to merely tell the employees to check IDs, but you have to show them and provide them with the technology and knowledge to do their jobs."

In an effort to help those businesses who sell tobacco and who are licensed, the District Attorney's office is offering free pamphlets published by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The pamphlets will help employers demonstrate to their employees what an ID looks like, what's valid and what's not, and finally what the blue and red lines demonstrate. All of this for the express purpose of helping to eliminate the ability of minors to obtain tobacco products. Those licensed businesses may obtain pamphlets by sending a request and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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The offending clerk was issued a citation and ordered to appear in court on September 30, 2009 at the Yolo County Superior Court. Should the clerk plea or be found guilty, she could receive a fine of up to \$200, and the store can lose their privilege of selling tobacco for ten days.

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