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PRESS RELEASE

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Sales of Tobacco to a minor cause two to be arrested.

Woodland, CA — March 19, 2007 — The Yolo County District Attorney's office announces the arrest of two convenience store clerks for Sales of Tobacco to a Minor. These arrests are the first that came as a result of the County's newest anti-smoking ordinance that was passed on May 16th, 2006, by the Board of Supervisors. This ordinance requires businesses that sell tobacco to obtain a permit from the County Health Department. The proceeds from the sales of these permits go directly towards funding local law enforcement efforts to insure that minors are never sold tobacco.

Jeff Reisig, District Attorney for Yolo County says "operations such as this help protect our children and keep businesses in compliance with the law."

Arrested were: Dolores Melendrez, Age 27, of Dunnigan, CA and Fernando Torres, Age 46 of Woodland, CA. Both were cited and released to appear on 4/25/2007.

Eighty percent of the vendors contacted refused to sell to a minor.

Lt. Dan Stroski, who runs the decoy program for the County, says that more undercover buys are mandated by the new ordinance and will be conducted.

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