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Yolo County District Attorney's Office and YUFA STAR team up to make arrests

(Woodland, CA) – District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on March 28, 2009, a Sacramento woman, working at SAVE MART located at 1900 Anderson Rd, in Davis, CA, was arrested for selling tobacco to a sixteen year old under cover police decoy. Investigators from the Yolo County District Attorney's office conducted a sting operation, which is funded entirely by licensing fees collected from businesses who wish to sell tobacco in the City of Davis.

During the operation, the District Attorney's Office used members from the YUFA STAR (Youth United for Action Showing Tobacco Ain't Right) as decoys. The decoys, supervised by peace officers, entered twelve tobacco selling establishments in Davis and attempted to purchase tobacco products. At 11:33 A.M. two sixteen year old police decoys entered SAVE MART and successfully purchased a single pack of cigarettes.

Jeff Reisig says that "With youth coalitions like these helping, we can insure that minors will find it hard to purchase tobacco and subject themselves to a life time of addiction." Lt. Dan Stroski, who supervises the tobacco sting detail, says "local retailers are starting to feel the impact of this program, and will lose their privilege to sell tobacco if their clerks continue to sell tobacco to minors."

The offending clerk was issued a citation and ordered to appear in court on May 6, 2009 at the Yolo County Superior Court. Should the clerk plea or be found guilty, she could receive a fine of up to \$200. For more information, contact Lt. Dan Stroski at (530) 666-8380.

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