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TOBACCO STING NETS ARREST

(Woodland, CA) – May 22, 2009 District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on May 16, 2009, a Sacramento man, working at CHEVRON STATION #1591, located @ 4475 Chiles Road, Davis, CA 95616 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 a member from the YUFA STAR (Youth United for Action Showing Tobacco Ain’t Right) as a decoy. The decoy, supervised by peace officers, enters into tobacco selling establishments in Davis to attempt the purchase of tobacco products. At 11:45 A.M., a sixteen year old decoy entered CHEVRON STATION # 1591 and successfully purchased a single pack of cigarettes. The decoy handed his ID card after being requested, and despite the card showing that he/she didn’t turn eighteen years old until 2010, the sale was allowed to occur.

Lt. Dan Stroski, who supervises the tobacco sting detail, says “whenever a minor is issued a driver’s license or identification card, that card will have red and blue horizontal lines on them. The blue line indicates when the minor will turn eighteen and the red when they turn twenty-one. ”

The offending clerk was issued a citation and ordered to appear in court on June 24, 2009 at the Yolo County Superior Court. Should the clerk plea or be found guilty, he/ she could receive a fine of up to \$200, and the store can lose the privilege of selling tobacco for ten days.

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