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## PRESS RELEASE

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Pacifica, CA-On March 10, 2018 the <21 COAST Task Force participated in the Statewide Shoulder Tap sting operation in the cities of Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco.

The <21 COAST (Under 21 Consumption of Alcohol Suppression Team) is comprised of officers from the police departments of Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco. The task force is supervised by a sergeant with the Pacifica Police Department specially trained as a liaison by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

The Shoulder Tap sting operation consists of an obviously underage decoy who waits in front of a business licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. The decoy contacts adults entering the business and clearly states they are not old enough to purchase alcohol, and asks the adult to purchase alcohol for them. If the adult provides the minor with alcohol, they are arrested by police officers monitoring the situation. If the adult declines to provide the minor decoy with alcohol, the minor decoy respects that decision and does not ask that adult again.

Between the hours of 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM, the officers and decoys assigned to this event visited 14 locations, contacted 99 adults, and made 3 arrests.

This enforcement operation was sponsored and financed by a grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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