

Several arrested, cited in alcohol sales sting

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Several adults were arrested and one sales clerk cited during an undercover alcohol sting Sept. 19 in Crescent City.

The Crescent City Police Department worked with an agent from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control Sept. 19 to conduct a “minor decoy” and “shoulder tap” operation.

Crescent City Police Chief Richard Griffen wrote on the department’s Facebook page during the operation, CCPD utilized an underage decoy to attempt purchases from Discount Liquor, Wayside Liquor, Y Liquor and the Shell Gas Station. The minor decoy had valid identification with their actual date of birth.

The only establishment that sold to the decoy was Discount Liquor at 1010 9th Street. The clerk who sold the alcohol to the minor was cited and released for violating of section 25658 (a) of the Business and Professions Code.

Griffin said CCPD also utilized a minor to attempt shoulder tap operations at Wayside Liquor and Y Liquor stores. One arrest was made at each location during this operation when an adult was asked to purchase alcohol for the minor and then completed the transaction. Each individual was then cited and released under 25658 (a) B&P as well.

“We will be continuing these operations over the course of the year utilizing funding from the grant we received from ABC,” Griffin wrote.

The Crescent City Police Department was recently awarded a \$20,574 grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control to battle alcohol-related harm to the community.