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El Segundo Police Conduct a Decoy Operation to Combat Underage Tobacco Sales

On April 20, 2013, the El Segundo Police Department conducted an undercover operation to check if licensed retailers unlawfully sold tobacco products to minors.

The operation utilized undercover officers who directly supervised an underage decoy operative as they attempted to purchase tobacco products from licensees in the City of El Segundo. The intent was to ensure retailers are complying with the laws and license conditions governing the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Of the 18 businesses approached by the minor decoy, clerks at the following three locations unlawfully sold tobacco related products and were cited for their violations:

Chevron Gas Station	232 Main Street
Lucky's Donuts	964 Main Street
Village Liquor	506 Center Street

The following businesses complied with the law and did not sell tobacco to the minor:

7-11	100 W. Imperial Avenue
7-11	603 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
76 Gas Station	770 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Chevron Gas Station	101 S. Sepulveda Boulevard

Chevron Gas Station	601 Vista Del Mar
Circle K	765 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Dough Boy Donuts	204 E. Imperial Avenue
Hacienda Hotel Gift Shop	500 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Holly Main Liquor	404 Main Street
Leonard's Liquor Store	630 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Ralph's Market	500 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Rite Aid	220 E. Grand Avenue
Travel Traders of Nevada	1440 E. Imperial Avenue
Village Wine & Cigar Shop	601 Virginia Street
Walgreen's	331 N. Sepulveda Boulevard

These businesses will receive a letter from the El Segundo Police Department commending them for successfully preventing the sale of tobacco to minors.

The following website can provide additional information regarding tobacco use by youths:

<http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0002.pdf>

If there are any questions related to this operation, please contact Lieutenant Dan Kim at (310) 524-2267 or dkim@elsegundo.org.



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