

## EL SEGUNDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **Press Release**

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

On September 22, 2012, 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 twenty-one businesses approached by the minor decoy, clerks at the following four locations unlawfully sold tobacco and were cited for their violations:

Ralph's Market 500 N. Sepulveda Boulevard

Lucky's Donuts 964 Main Street

Dough Boy Donuts 204 E. Imperial Avenue

Chevron Gas Station 232 Main 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 601 Vista del Mar

Chevron Gas Station 101 S. Sepulveda Boulevard

Holly Main Liquor 404 Main Street

Leonard's Liquor Store 630 N. Sepulveda Boulevard Circle K 765 N. Sepulveda Boulevard

Rite Aid 220 E. Grand Avenue

Hacienda Hotel Gift Shop
Travel Traders of Nevada
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500 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
1440 E. Imperial Avenue
2121 Rosecrans Avenue
909 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
2222 E. Imperial Highway

Village Liquor 506 Center Street
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.

If there are any questions or comments related to this operation, please contact Lieutenant Dan Kim at (310) 524-2267 or <a href="mailto:dkim@elsegundo.org">dkim@elsegundo.org</a>.

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