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SDPD Vice Unit Arrests Two for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

Operations in San Diego Designed to Prevent Alcohol-Related Harm

San Diego – The San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) Vice Unit contacted 21 individuals during a [Shoulder Tap](#) operation on Saturday, October 19, 2025, in the city of San Diego, resulting in two citations. Two of the individuals solicited for alcoholic beverages furnished alcohol to minors. This enforcement operation is designed to create awareness about the dangers of underage drinking and keep communities safe.

"Underage drinking harms our community," said SDPD Vice Lieutenant Daniel Hall. "Conducting these operations allow us to help reduce underage drinking and increase public safety."

A Shoulder Tap operation focuses on adults who purchase alcoholic beverages for persons under the age of 21. A minor under the direct supervision of law enforcement stands outside of a liquor or convenience store and asks customers to buy them alcohol. The minor also states they are underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

"ABC conducts these operations to keep alcohol out of the hands of our youth," said ABC Director Paul Tupy. "We can increase the quality of life in our communities and reduce DUIs by preventing underage drinking."

If an adult agrees to purchase alcohol for the underage person, they can be arrested and cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a much higher risk of being involved in a crash than older drivers. [About 25 percent of fatal crashes involve underage drinking](#) according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

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