

Placer receives grant to curb underage drinking

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The Placer County Sheriff's Office has received a \$50,000 grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for programs to combat underage drinking and alcohol sales to minors.

The sheriff's office, throughout the year, will target problematic ABC licensed establishments that sell alcoholic beverages to minors and obviously intoxicated adult patrons. Minor-decoy and shoulder-tap operations also will be conducted countywide in an effort to reduce minors' access to alcohol, sheriff's officials said.

In a shoulder-tap operation, a minor, under the direct supervision of a peace officer, stands outside a liquor or convenience store and asks patrons to buy alcohol for him or her.

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