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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: June 18th, 2019

E-Cigarette and Vaping Decoy Operation -

Chico, CA – The Chico Police Departments School Resource Unit cited three clerks for selling tobacco products to minors on June 18th, 2019. The actions were the result of a youth decoy program in which minors, under the direct supervision of officers, attempted to purchase tobacco or vape products from 15 tobacco retail licensees in the City of Chico. The goal of this operation was to limit youth access to tobacco and vape products, and to confirm that local businesses are operating within compliance with the law. The following establishments were cited for selling tobacco products to minors:

- Cigarette City (1722 Mangrove Avenue #27, Chico, CA)
- Exhale Tobacco (337 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA)
- Hi Five Tobacco (1414 Park Avenue, Chico, CA)

The Chico Police Department will continue to conduct periodic compliance checks to reduce the availability of tobacco and vape products to our youth. Minor Decoy operations have been conducted by local law enforcement throughout the state since the 1980s. In June 2016, California raised the minimum age of purchasing and using tobacco to the age of 21. This law does not apply to active military personnel. This project is part of the State of California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program, funded by the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016.

Location:

- 1722 Mangrove Avenue #27
- 337 Nord Avenue
- 1414 Park Avenue

Date/Time: 6/18/2019

Incident Case Number: 19-04420, 19-04421, 19-04423

Involved Party: N/A

Suspect: N/A

Supervisor: Sergeant Mike Williams

Watch Commander: Commander Ted McKinnon