

Minor Sting Quick Reference Guide

Conducting the Operation

The minor will enter the location and attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage. The minor will be accompanied by two officers at all times for safety reasons. The undercover officer will stay close enough to the minor to provide for the minor's safety and one undercover officer will attempt to be close enough to observe the minor's transaction.

If a sale takes place at an off-premise location (convenience store, package store, etc.) the minor should leave the premises with the alcoholic beverage and immediately hand over the alcohol

to one of the undercover officers.

If the sale takes place at an on-premise location (restaurant, bar, etc.) the minor should not leave the premises with the alcoholic beverage, but should leave the alcoholic beverage at the location.

****The minor should always be instructed that at no time while conducting an operation should the minor drink any kind of alcoholic beverage.***

The undercover officer that observes the violation will describe the subject, including physical appearance and clothing, the item purchased and purchase price, to the identification team.

Minor stings are an excellent means of combating the problems associated with the unlawful purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by youth.

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The identification team will enter the establishment and locate the person whom the undercover officer has observed committing a violation. The undercover will ensure that the identification team makes contact with the appropriate person. The officers on the identification team will identify themselves and explain the reason for speaking with the individual.

If possible the officer will escort the individual to a safe location in order to minimize any disruption to the location, to effectively interview the individual, and to determine what action to take.

Other Considerations

Evidence - Keep the alcoholic beverages and receipts, if possible, as evidence.

Citation - File charges on the employee under Section 106.03 SALE TO MINORS of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

Video/Audio Recordings - are an invaluable tool when testifying in both criminal and administrative proceedings.

Report - Forward a copy of your case file to the local TABC office for administrative action.



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