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## Sheriff's Office Issues Five Citations During a "Shoulder Tap" Operation conducted in South Reno

**WHEN:** Early afternoon hours of Wednesday, June 30, 2010

**WHERE:** 7-11 Convenience Store – 12605 South Virginia Street

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The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division conducted a "shoulder tap" operation in an effort to curb the availability of alcohol to minors on June 30, 2010. This effort is in cooperation with Join Together Northern Nevada (JTNN) who assists law enforcement with grant funding to continue the fight against underage drinking.

An under 21 year old male working under the supervision of the Sheriff's Office initiated contacts with 120 people requesting to have alcohol purchased for him. The vast majority declined the solicitation and carried on about their way.

During this operation five (5) agreed to purchase alcoholic beverages for the minor. The adults (four males and one female) were consequently issued citations.

Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor is a misdemeanor offense punishable by up to 6 months in jail and/or a \$1000 fine. This citation bail amount is \$640.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is committed to the safety and security of the public. By warning the public of the risks involved when accepting to buy alcohol for a minor and/or another person, we can help reduce alcohol related accidents, crimes, or fatalities in our county.

The message is straightforward: don't provide alcoholic beverages to anyone who is under the age of 21 and once a person reaches the age of 21, please consume alcohol responsibly if you choose to do so.

The Sheriff's Office encourages the public to report any type of underage drinking activities by calling 334-COPS or in case of an emergency dial 911.