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## Deputies Conduct “Shoulder Tap” Operations

**WHEN:** Evening hours of May 29, 2010

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The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division conducted “shoulder tap” operations in an effort to curb the availability of alcohol to minors on May 29, 2010. During this operation forty-five (45) adults were contacted and four (4) agreed to purchase alcoholic beverages for a minor. The adults 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. The citation fee for this violation is \$640.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is committed to the safety and security of the public. By limiting the availability of alcoholic beverages to minors we will reduce alcohol related accidents and/or fatalities in our county. This effort is in cooperation with Join Together Northern Nevada (JTNN) who assists law enforcement with grant funding to fight underage drinking.

The Sheriff's Office encourages the public to report any type of underage drinking activities by calling 334-COPS.