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DOJ Grant Helps VPD Officers Crack Down on Tobacco Sales to Kids

Yesterday, VPD officers conducted a tobacco minor decoy operation to check if businesses in the City of Visalia sold to minors. Under the supervision of officers, the minor decoys were told to go into stores and try to buy tobacco products. A total of six businesses were cited for selling tobacco to a minor.

The Visalia Police Department will be holding a series of tobacco decoy and compliance inspections throughout the year to ensure businesses are complying with state law. A retailer who is found guilty can be charged for a misdemeanor or subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Department of Justice.

