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Tobacco Operation

Bishop, CA. May 9, 2019 - Members of the Major Investigations and Narcotics Team (MINT), Inyo County Sheriff's Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, Inyo County Health and Human Services, and Mono County Health and Human Services conducted a tobacco sting operation using under age decoys in an attempt to purchase tobacco products at retail establishments within Bishop and the surrounding area.

One cashier was issued a citation for selling tobacco products to a customer under the age of 21. The goal of this operation is to limit under age access to tobacco products and confirm local businesses are operating within the law.

Beginning June 9, 2016 a law signed by Governor Jerry Brown, went into effect that raised the minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age, except for active duty military in the U.S. Armed Forces. Electronic smoking devices are included in the definition of tobacco products.

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