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STING GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to provide the basic framework which will be used when conducting underage drinking stings on licensed premises.

- 1) Notification that a sting will be taking place will be made in local media prior to the start date.
- 2) The underage person taking part in the sting should reasonably look their age. Efforts to make them look older should be avoided.
- 3) A photo of the underage person should be taken and attached to the information requested in #6.
- 4) The underage person should not be carrying any identification when taking part in the sting.
- 5) The underage person should not carry any money with them other than that given by the law enforcement officer supervising them.
- 6) The underage person shall sign a release form prior to starting participation in this program. The underage person and police officer should also sign and date a copy of these guidelines.
- 7) The underage person shall be given a BAC test at the conclusion of the investigation. They should be informed of this prior to beginning the investigation.
- 8) The underage person shall enter the licensed premises under observation by a law enforcement officer.
- 9) The underage person shall attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage. They should attempt to purchase the same thing at each location tested to avoid confusion.
- 10) At no time shall the underage person attempt to misrepresent their age or provide any identification.
- 11) If asked for identification, the underage person should leave the establishment.
- 12) If served, the underage person shall remain on the licensed premises for a period of time as instructed by the law enforcement officer. They should then exit the licensed premises leaving the alcoholic beverage or until such time as the alcoholic beverage was taken as evidence.
- 13) At no time, under any circumstance, shall the underage person consume any alcoholic beverage.
- 14) The safety and welfare of all underage participants will be of utmost importance to ABCC investigators and law enforcement personnel. Underage persons shall not be exposed to any unusual, unnecessary or unreasonable risk.
- 15) The underage person will not wear, exhibit or carry any law enforcement identification or falsely represent themselves as employees of any other law enforcement unit while participating in this program. They shall not under any circumstances carry a weapon.
- 16) Law enforcement personnel should only enter the premises to observe on an as needed basis when circumstances warrant.
- 17) Law enforcement personnel should not enter the licensed premises after the underage person has exited.