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Chief of Police

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Tobacco Sting Operation

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The Odessa Police Department conducted a Tobacco Sting on June 19, 2010. The purpose of the sting operation is to use minor decoys as potential customers. The selected minors and assigned undercover police officers visited **41** city and county locations in an attempt to purchase tobacco products from the clerks.

We are proud to announce all of the stores that were targeted complied with the Health and Safety Law and did not sell any tobacco products to the minors.

The Tobacco Sting operations are funded through a grant received from the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas.

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