



City of Downey

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On September 8, 2010, the Downey Police Department's Special Enforcement Team seized five electronic slot machines (one of which is pictured on the left) and two "coin-push" machines containing more than \$900 from the 98 Cents + Mart located at 13258 Woodruff Avenue in the City of Downey. Investigators determined the machines were being used for gambling; California law prohibits the operation and/or possession of such machines, unless they are antique (over 25 years old) and not operated for gambling purposes.

The store owner and store clerk were issued misdemeanor criminal citations for violating section 330.1 of the California Penal Code, possessing and permitting the operation of slot machines. Each faces a fine up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in the county jail. Their arraignment is set for December 9, 2010, at the Downey Superior Court.

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