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Investigation of Edmonds espresso stand results in multiple arrests.

After receiving a number of citizen complaints about baristas at the Java Juggs espresso stand exposing themselves to customers the Edmonds Police Department launched an investigation into the potential illegal activities of this business located in the Southwest corner of Highway 99 and 212th Street Southwest in Edmonds. This investigation began in October of 2010 and ended last week with the arrest of four employees, including the business owner, on charges which include prostitution and unlawful exposure.

Edmonds Police Officers working in plain clothes and posing as customers obtained video evidence of several violations during the course of this investigation. Most of the violations involved employees exposing themselves to customers for large tips. Some of the violations involved physical contact with the barista in exchange for money. The investigation into these violations revealed that the owner of the business, a 49 year old Snohomish resident who owns a total of three Java Juggs espresso stands located in Edmonds and South Everett, was also involved in these activities and she was arrested and booked on June 30th, 2011 on the charges of three counts of prostitution and one count of permitting prostitution. Three additional employees who were not physically arrested will be facing charges as well.

The Edmonds Police Department is currently working with the Snohomish County Health Department and the City of Edmonds Code Enforcement Office to address any other business licensing or code enforcement issues that may exist with the business as it continues to operate.

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