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Arrest at Massage Parlor

Lafayette Police and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department conducted an undercover investigation and recently arrested an employee at Pacifico Massage Parlor at 3555 Mt. Diablo Boulevard for solicitation to engage in prostitution. Along with the arrest of Fidina Wai Cheng, 41, of San Francisco, police seized cash and computers from the business.

This arrest is the next step in a concerted effort to curb prostitution in Lafayette. First there was the crafting and implementation of a new ordinance that called for business registration and state certification of all massage practitioners and therapists in Lafayette. Along with that came a grace period in order to give businesses an opportunity to comply with the new regulations. This arrest came just one day after the grace period expired. Then there was a blunt warning given by Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen and City Manager Steven Falk that illegal business would not be tolerated. "If you offer erotic services in Lafayette, the Police Department will shut you down, confiscate your records and use that evidence to prosecute the massage practitioner, the manager and the property owner. Our goal will be to send you to jail," explained Christensen in Falk's Friday Summary.

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