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ABC INVESTIGATORS ARREST 4 IN TRACE INVESTIGATION

In February 2004, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) initiated a TRACE Investigation into a case involving University of California, Davis student Eric J. Holmes. The ABC investigation was initiated by a contact from the California Highway Patrol who responded to a fatal vehicle crash involving 19 year old Holmes who struck a vehicle head-on, killing 34 year old Amanda LeGrand. Holmes was determined to have a blood alcohol level of .15 percent at the time of the crash; almost twice the legal limit. Holmes was recently sentenced by Sacramento County Judge Thomas M. Cecil to six years in jail for the death of LeGrand.

The ABC investigation determined that Holmes was coming from a keg party, hosted by four individuals in the City of Davis, which was held to celebrate the birthday of a 20 year old student. ABC's Special Operations Unit with the assistance of the Davis Police Department served four arrest warrants for the individuals responsible for furnishing the alcoholic beverages to Holmes, which resulted in this tragic crash.

Those arrested were, 21 year old Timothy Gereg, who purchased the beer keg for the party and 20 year old Brian Soest, 19 year old Sergei Andres and 19 year old Conor Tekautz for furnishing alcohol to Holmes and several other identified minors under the age of twenty one.

Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE) is a program designed to determine the sources of alcohol to individuals under the age of 21 who become involved in traffic collisions which result in serious injuries or deaths. These investigations target liquor stores, restaurants, bars and adult furnishers that are responsible for selling or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 21.

"ABC looks forward to working with its law enforcement partners to implement TRACE and hold accountable liquor licensees that sell to minors," said ABC Director Jerry R. Jolly.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.