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DRUGS/STOLEN PROPERTY CLOSE SAN GABRIEL POOL HALL

San Gabriel – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control today revoked the liquor license of the Tenampa Pool Hall, 441 S. Del Mar Avenue, after an investigation into illegal narcotics and stolen property.

During a joint undercover operation with the San Gabriel Police Department, ABC investigators were able to sell purported stolen property and purchase cocaine and methamphetamine from the pool hall's manager and two employees. The manager was the son of the business' owner. In addition, an ABC investigator was able to purchase a stolen Smith and Wesson 357 magnum revolver.

The investigation began at the request of the San Gabriel Police Department after reports of illegal narcotics sales and the fencing of stolen property.

Said ABC District Administrator Chris Alvarez-Spencer, "The blatant sales of narcotics and the fencing of stolen property inside the location cannot be tolerated. The closing of this bar will improve the quality of life for the entire neighborhood."

San Gabriel Police Chief David A. Lawton praised efforts of the personnel from the San Gabriel Police Department and ABC on their successful joint operation and said, "Not only does this joint operation rid the community of a source of criminal activities, it sends a message to all establishments that we will not tolerate illegal activities and a message to the community that we are continuously working to maintain and improve the quality of life in the community."

Two of the employees have been found guilty of receiving stolen property and/or sales of narcotics. Sentencing is pending for both. Two others have been convicted of misdemeanor violations and have been fined and required to perform public service.

The pool hall suffered a previous suspension of its liquor license in 2002, for sales of alcohol after hours, and for interfering with a peace officer in the performance of his duties.