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ABC/OCEANSIDE PD RAID LOCAL BAR FOR ILLEGAL DRUG SALES

Oceanside – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and the Oceanside Police Department concluded a four month investigation of an Oceanside bar last night, arresting two people and seizing a quantity of drugs.

The joint operation was the result of an undercover investigation by ABC Investigators who purchased methamphetamine in Papa Joe's Bar, 620 N. Redondo Drive. The undercover investigators were able to purchase methamphetamine on five occasions. Four of the drug deals were performed by an employee of the premises.

Taken into custody at Papa Joe's Bar on sales of narcotic charges was 46-year old Katherine Ann Fluharty, a bartender at the location. Fluharty has been arrested multiple times in the past for narcotic violations. A patron, Fulgencio Costumbre, was cited and released for being in possession of a methamphetamine pipe.

The undercover operation began after the Oceanside Police Department complained that illegal drug sales were being conducted at the premises.

ABC licensed businesses where drug activities occur face possible suspension or even revocation of their liquor license, depending on the seriousness of the situation.

Penalties for Papa Joe's Bar will be determined after a thorough review of the crime report.