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ABC REVOKES LIQUOR LICENSE OF CRIME RIDDEN BAR

Panorama City – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has permanently revoked the liquor license of the Trophy Room Bar, 14444 Titus Street in Panorama City, for continued violations of the ABC Act.

The bar had long been the source of crime. Over the last two years, there have been over a half-dozen arrests for narcotics sales and possession linked to the location. The most recent arrest occurred on March 8, 2004, with the Los Angeles Police Department confiscating 25 bindles of cocaine.

The bar's license was revoked due to the illegal solicitation of alcoholic beverages by women who request men to buy them alcohol at an increased price. The women then split the profit with the bar, which is a violation of State law.

ABC Director Jerry R. Jolly said, "By removing the source of crime in this neighborhood, we are eliminating calls for service by police officers, making other areas of the community safer for the citizens of Panorama City. Bars that breed crime will not be tolerated by ABC."

Bars and nightclubs that allow the illegal solicitation of alcohol have a higher incidence of crime. This includes the sale and use of drugs, fights, public drunkenness, prostitution, and other problems due in part to the higher consumption of alcohol from the solicitation.

The bar had been on stayed revocation of its liquor license for previous violations. The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office had been working on abatement proceedings against the location for the problems the bar created for the neighborhood.

Under ABC policy, no new liquor license will be issued at the location for at least one year.