ABC CITES 21 PERSONS FOR ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS AT COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME

Los Angeles—California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators cited 21 individuals on November 27, 2004 at the USC – Notre Dame Football Game in Los Angeles as part of a Special Events Operation designed to enforce underage drinking violations.

12 minors were cited for charges of minor in possession of alcohol, six minors were cited for minor in possession of a false identification (ID), two minors were cited for consuming an alcoholic beverage, one person was cited for possession of marijuana, one individual was arrested for resisting arrest and another for obstruction of a peace officer.

The operation included ABC Investigators from El Monte, Santa Ana, Lakewood, the Special Operations Unit and Investigators from the Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

ABC has been conducting similar operations state-wide in order to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunk driving fatalities than the general adult population. “we have to keep doing everything we can to keep alcohol away from underage individuals,” said ABC Director Jerry Jolly. “Too many of our young people are dying in alcohol-related tragedies.”

According to the California Highway Patrol 160 persons under the age of 21 died in alcohol-related crashes during 2002.

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