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ABC SUSPENDS TWO CHICO LIQUOR STORE LICENSES FOR SALES OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS

CHICO – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today suspended the licenses of two Chico liquor stores after ABC Investigators discovered they were either selling or furnishing alcohol to minors.

The liquor license for Rays Liquor Store located at 207 Walnut St., Chico, has been suspended for a period of twenty days. This is a direct result of furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor. ABC Investigators say that a store clerk observed a minor give money to a twenty three year old as the purchase of beer was being completed and did not stop the sale. This is the store's second strike. The previous violation was in 2002 for sales of alcoholic beverages to a minor.

The liquor license for Star Liquors, located at 959 Nord Ave., Chico, has been suspended for 30 days as a result of two separate sales of alcoholic beverages to minors. This is Star Liquor's second strike. Their first strike was for sales of alcoholic beverages to a minor that occurred in October, 2003.

“ABC wants to send a very clear message that selling or furnishing alcohol to minors will not be tolerated,” said ABC Director Jerry Jolly. During the suspensions, neither store will be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages. A third strike against either business could result in a license revocation.