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**ABC INVESTIGATORS AND LOS ANGELES POLICE ARREST LIQUOR STORE  
EMPLOYEES ON STOLEN PROPERTY CHARGES**

Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Special Operations Unit, along with Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department today arrested Dong Lee, 26 of Los Angeles and Clever Sim, 24 of Alta Loma during a buy/bust operation at Jack's Market, 520 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Los Angeles.

The two men were taken into custody this afternoon. The arrests were the result of a lengthy investigation based on shared information gathered by the Los Angeles Police Department and ABC. During the investigation, ABC Investigators sold purportedly stolen property to a store clerk and the business owner on 2 separate occasions with a total retail value of approximately \$1,000.00. Lee and store owner, Chisuk Oh, 52 of Los Angeles, both negotiated with undercover investigators to purchase the goods for approximately \$400.00. Criminal charges against Oh will be filed and ABC will also begin administrative proceedings against the licensed business.

Today, investigators sold purportedly stolen cigarettes and small bottles of alcoholic beverages. Additionally, store clerk, Clever Sim was arrested for possession of a loaded firearm and possession of marijuana for sale.

"This market has created problems for this community and we plan to take disciplinary action to send a strong message that this illegal activity will not be tolerated," said Joseph Cruz, ABC Assistant Director.

ABC records show Jack's Market has had disciplinary problems in the past for selling alcohol to a minor in May, 2005 and for selling alcohol to an obviously intoxicated individual in February, 2004.

Today's enforcement operation is a continuation of a strong partnership between Los Angeles Police and ABC through ABC's Grant Assistance Program. Los Angeles Police recently received a \$100,000 ABC grant to combat alcohol-related crime in the city. The \$1.5 million grant program may double its funding next year because of Assembly Bill 428 recently signed by Governor Schwarzenegger.

The ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

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