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ABC INVESTIGATORS AND BERKELEY POLICE ARREST 6 AND CITE 79 IN BERKELEY

Berkeley - Investigators from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and Berkeley Police Department arrested 6 people and cited another 79 for a wide variety of violations in Berkeley on Saturday, November 12 . Most of the arrests and citations were alcohol-related. Enforcement actions were made before, during and after a football game between the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Southern California (USC).

ABC Investigators from the departments' Special Operations Unit (SOU), Grant Assistance Program (GAP), Santa Rosa, San Francisco and Oakland District Offices teamed with Berkeley Police to make the arrests in a continuing effort to address problems related to underage drinking. Officers arrested four individuals for public intoxication, one for burglary and one for possession of cocaine. Authorities cited 16 minors in possession of alcohol and 13 for possession of false identification. 41 citations were written for open container, five individuals were cited for furnishing alcohol to minors. In addition, a minor was cited for attempting to purchase alcohol, one individual for possession of marijuana and another was cited for possessing an open container in a vehicle.

The SOU is made up of a team of specially trained investigators assigned to both of ABC's Northern and Southern Division offices. GAP is an ABC program that pairs department investigators with local police to address alcohol related crimes. Berkeley Police were recently awarded an \$80,000 ABC Grant to combat alcohol-related crime in the community.

ABC Director Jerry Jolly says one of the primary goals of the department is to work with local law enforcement agencies to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. "We must continue sending the message that it is against the law for anyone to sell or furnish alcohol to minors and

it is illegal for minors to be in possession of alcohol.” Jolly said. The weekend operation was just one example of the ongoing partnership between ABC, local authorities and the University of California targeting crime problems related to underage drinking.

The majority of funding for the enforcement activity was made possible by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. The ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. The Secretary of the BTH is Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor’s Cabinet.