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ABC SUSPENDS STORE LICENSE IN THE CITY OF ORANGE

Business caught selling alcohol to minors

(Orange) - Investigators with the California Department Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) have posted a thirty day suspension at Red Hill Liquor in the city of Orange following an investigation of the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

During a TRACE (Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies) investigation of a crash that killed a local high school student, ABC investigators received information that resulted in a separate investigation.

Investigators received information that Red Hill Liquor was a location where minors were allegedly purchasing alcoholic beverages.

On July 2, 2005, ABC investigators were at Red Hill Liquor working in an undercover capacity. In an approximately twenty-minute period, investigators observed three separate, consecutive transactions in which the store clerk sold alcohol to minors. Investigators arrested three minors for purchasing alcoholic beverages, two minors for being in possession of alcoholic beverages, and the store clerk on three counts of sales of alcoholic beverages to a minor.

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.