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## **ABC/LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARREST FOUR IN DRUG BUST**

**Carson** – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, with the assistance from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Carson Station, raided the Wheel Bar at 339-41 W. Carson Street in Carson on February 23, 2005, and arrested four people on drug charges, including the bartender and bar manager.

The drug bust came after a three month investigation in which undercover ABC Lakewood District Office investigators purchased methamphetamine and marijuana on ten different occasions.

Those arrested included the bartender who sold or furnished marijuana to the investigators and had knowledge of narcotic activity involving patrons. Also taken into custody was the bar manager who sold marijuana to investigators. A search warrant was served on the bar manager's nearby residence which resulted in the arrest of another individual and the finding of additional marijuana, methamphetamine and firearms. Also arrested for selling marijuana was a patron.

The raid was conducted by ABC Lakewood District investigators with the support of other ABC units and the Carson Division of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The ABC will begin administrative action to suspend or revoke the liquor license of the Wheel Bar.

“When our investigators work with local law enforcement it can bring positive change to the community,” said ABC Director Jerry Jolly. “By reducing alcohol and drug-related crimes at this bar, local residents will benefit from a safer environment.”

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