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ABC SUSPENDS LIQUOR LICENSE OF SAN DIEGO BAR

San Diego – ABC Investigators today posted a suspension notice on the premises of Kindred Spirits Tavern, 3641 Madison Avenue in San Diego following a lengthy investigation involving illegal narcotics.

Undercover San Diego police officers were able to make several purchases of illegal drugs from patrons with the knowledge of employees during a four month investigation.

Today's suspension will last at least 30 days and means the bar cannot sell alcohol. In addition, the suspension will run indefinitely until the owner of the bar transfers the license to a new owner and location. If the owner does not transfer the license within 180 days, the license will be revoked. "This helps build a safer and stronger community," said ABC Director Jerry Jolly.

"Normal Heights residents care about their neighborhood, and are willing to fight to keep it a safe place to live and work. The closure of this troublesome bar shows that when the community works together with law enforcement and government agencies, we truly can make positive changes," said Senator Kehoe, whose Senate District includes Normal Heights.

"The suspension of this liquor license is in direct response to the negative impact this business has had on the surrounding neighborhood," said Councilmember Toni Atkins, whose Third District includes Normal Heights where the bar is located. "I want to especially thank the members of the community and the San Diego Police Department who got and stayed involved, the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and all the other organizations and officials who came together to fight on behalf of the community."

"The ABC, police, Councilmember Toni Atkins, and Senator Christine Kehoe helped us get the neighborhood we wanted. Today is proof that community activism is worth the effort," said Normal Heights resident Abe Opincar.

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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