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ABC AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARREST 10 AT TWO SEPARATE BARS

Pittsburg-Bay Point – ABC Investigators along with Contra Costa County Sheriff's Deputies have arrested 10 individuals at two separate bars, following a three month investigation involving purported stolen property and illegal narcotics transactions. Additionally, there are five subjects outstanding who are wanted for sales of narcotics in conjunction with the investigation. The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department was a participant in ABC's Grant Assistance Program (GAP) for year 2005-2006. This operation was a combined effort between both agencies as a result of the Grant.

Authorities arrested one employee and five patrons at the El Rodeo Bar, 3315 Willow Pass Road in Bay Point on July 7, 2006 for sales and possession of drugs. During the investigation, undercover investigators were able to make purchases of illegal drugs from the bar employees and patrons on several different occasions.

In addition, investigators arrested three individuals for illegal activity at Grover's Bar, 2445 Willow Pass Road, Pittsburg on the same evening. The licensee's of Grover's Bar were arrested for receiving purported stolen property, and a bar patron was arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

ABC along with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department initiated the investigation due to heightened concern about these locations in the community. ABC investigators went undercover multiple times during recent months to develop information that lead to the arrests.

ABC will file accusations against both licensed businesses. The penalty could range from a fine to a revocation of the licenses.

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.