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## **ABC Suspends License of A & M Liquor Store for an Indefinite Period** *Oakland Police Help with Sales to Minor Investigation*

Oakland - On August 7, 2008, the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) suspended the alcoholic beverage license of A & M Liquor Store located at 303 & 307 Oakland Avenue in Oakland. The suspension is for an indefinite period of time. The action resulted from three separate sales of alcoholic beverages to minors within a two and a half year period.

All three sales occurred during Minor Decoy Operations, two conducted by the Oakland Police Department and one by ABC.

The owner of the store can continue to sell groceries and other items but will not be allowed to sell alcohol and the license must be transferred to someone else at a location outside the City of Oakland.

Oakland Police Chief Wayne Tucker said "Alcohol is definitely a contributing factor in a number of crimes that we are experiencing here in Oakland, and when you have an establishment selling liquor to children, it sets in motion a pattern of abuse that may be instilled in the child as they become an adult."

There will not be any alcohol sold at the store for at least a period of one year and the ABC must approve any new license for any individual or individuals acceptable to the department

"This action is part of the department's statewide effort to increase compliance with the law through strong enforcement. ABC wants to send a very clear message that selling or furnishing alcohol to minors will not be tolerated," said ABC Director Steve Hardy.

ABC is a Department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

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