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License of Falls Prime Steakhouse is Suspended 30 Days for Selling Alcohol to a Minor
19 year old man who was served at the premises died after jumping from a vehicle

La Quinta – The Falls Prime Steakhouse, located at 78430, Highway 111, La Quinta, will not be able to sell alcohol for the next 30 days, after a joint investigation by the Palm Springs Police and the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) determined alcohol was sold to a minor back on Memorial Day Weekend in May, 2007.

ABC launched a Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies (TRACE) investigation following the death of 19 year old Corey Fortin. A Palm Springs Police Department death investigation concluded that Fortin died when he reportedly jumped from a vehicle on May 27, 2007 after he and some friends were served alcoholic beverages at the Falls Prime Steakhouse earlier that evening. Police records show his blood-alcohol content was .30. ABC worked with the Palm Springs Police Department and helped determine where Fortin was served alcohol. Investigators from both departments worked closely throughout the course of the TRACE investigation.

ABC is also seeking disciplinary action against another premises, Splash's Incorporated of Palm Springs. The department is working on a separate TRACE investigation to determine if alcoholic beverages were served to Fortin at Splash's prior to his visit to the Falls Prime Steakhouse.

Funding for the TRACE program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, but also alcohol overdoses, poisonings, and assaults that occur after alcohol consumption by minors.

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