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ABC Suspends License of Bar for Illegal Activity
Illegal Activity included Gambling and Drink Solicitation Violations

Shafter - ABC Investigators have suspended the license of Graddy's Nightclub, located at 355 State Avenue in Shafter for the next 30 days. The action was taken because the bar owner allowed illegal solicitation of drinks for bar employees and also had possession of a gambling machine. ABC conducted an undercover investigation that lasted two months.

During the investigation, undercover ABC Investigators were able to determine that female employees were allowed to solicit the sale of alcoholic beverages to them, from bar patrons, including the undercover investigators. The bar would receive the cash for the alcohol and pay out a commission to the female employee. Alcoholic beverage solicitation is a violation of section 303a of the California Penal Code, and the profit sharing plan is a violation of Business and Professions Code Section 24200.5(b).

Today's action means Graddy's Nightclub will not be allowed to sell alcohol for the next 30 days. In addition, the bar is on probation for the next three years and if a similar violation occurs, the license could be revoked.

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.