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ABC Suspends License of Bar in Millbrae

Location will not be allowed to sell alcohol for indefinite period of time

Millbrae – ABC Investigators have posted a Notice of Suspension at the Star Light Lounge, 1741 El Camino Real in Millbrae, California. The suspension will last 20 days and indefinitely thereafter until the license can be transferred to another person or group of persons. The suspension means alcohol will not be sold at the Star Light Lounge for an indefinite period of time.

The action was taken because the location was in possession of contaminated bottles, possessed refilled bottles of alcohol, purchased alcohol from someone other than a licensed wholesaler and violated labor codes.

Investigators from the California Labor Commissioner's Office found that the business had no workers' compensation insurance and issued them a stop work order which prevents the use of employee labor. Also found were violations of the labor code for not providing a payroll deduction statement and not paying minimum wage. Labor code violations resulted in penalties of \$14,450.

ABC initiated the investigation due to heightened concern about the location in the community. ABC investigators went undercover multiple times to develop information that resulted in the suspension.

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.