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**ABC Suspends License of Los Dos Hermanos Bar in Oakland**

***Oakland Police, Alameda County Narcotics Task Force Make Arrest for Illegal Drug Activity***

**Oakland** – ABC Investigators have suspended the alcoholic beverage license of the Los Dos Hermanos bar located at 2331 International Blvd. in Oakland for an indefinite period of time. One of the employees of the bar was arrested for possession of illegal narcotics.

The owners of the bar will not be able to sell alcohol anymore at this location. The license is suspended for an indefinite period of time to allow for the transfer of the license to another individual or group of individuals at another location outside the city of Oakland.

The disciplinary action was taken because ABC Investigators worked with the Alameda County Narcotics Task Force and Oakland Police after they completed an investigation involving the possession of illegal narcotics at the licensed premises.

In a simultaneous enforcement action, the Oakland City Attorney's office filed a drug nuisance lawsuit against the bar in November, 2008, and recently began the process to evict the bar as a public nuisance under the state health and safety code.

The city's actions were based on drug arrests at the bar, starting with the arrest of the manager and the bouncer for selling cocaine to an undercover officer in May, 2008. Police also discovered more cocaine hidden behind a poster of Jesus in the bar's office. Both the manager and the bouncer plead no contest to the charges.

The bar's owner, Francisco Carlon, also was arrested after police served a search warrant and recovered 288 grams of cocaine from the property in October, 2008. Carlon also plead no contest. The investigation was launched due to heightened concern about this location in the community.

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