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Multiple Arrests at Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Sacramento— Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) cited four persons for a variety of alcohol-related incidents at a Cinco de Mayo celebration held in Discovery Park in the city of Sacramento on May 3, 2009.

The operation was funded through a \$350,000 Federal Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention grant. The grant program is focused on reducing alcohol-related problems at large public events such as concerts, fairs, festivals and sporting events where alcohol is sold or served.

The Special Events Grant was awarded to ABC by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention. The grant money is being used to pay for officer overtime in order to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors, prevent alcohol sales to obviously intoxicated patrons, and crack down on public drunkenness and unruly behavior such as fights at large special events.

ABC Investigators will work with local law enforcement throughout the state to help make large events safer and more fun for local communities.

There are hundreds of large events held in California each year. In addition to working with local police, ABC will collaborate with colleges, community-based organizations and youth organizations to address problems that are alcohol-related.

The Special Events Grant covers a two-year period. 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.