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ABC Revokes the License of the Grasshopper Bar in Hollywood

Hollywood – ABC Investigators have posted a revocation notice at the Grasshopper Bar located at 5100 Fountain Avenue in Los Angeles (Hollywood). The revocation followed a lengthy narcotics investigation involving ABC and the Los Angeles Police Department Hollywood Narcotics Division.

ABC and Los Angeles Police arrested four individuals for selling illegal narcotics inside the bar back in November, 2006.

ABC went undercover on multiple occasions. Undercover investigators purchased cocaine and rock cocaine from four individuals during a five month period. The investigation substantiated that some of the money from those narcotics sales was ending up with a Los Angeles street gang.

ABC worked closely with the Los Angeles Police Department because there were complaints about this location in the community.

ABC filed an accusation against the bar owner for illegal narcotics sales on the premises. The result of that accusation was a revocation of the license. This means the owner can no longer sell alcohol at the Grasshopper Bar.

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.