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## **ABC Cites Two Stores in Goleta for Sales to Minors**

**(Goleta)** - Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) have cited two stores for selling alcohol to minors. The actions were the result of a minor decoy operation on January 14, 2010 in which minors under the direct supervision of department investigators, attempted to purchase alcohol from six retail licensees in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Goleta.

Those who sold to the minor face a minimum fine of \$250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage license of the locations where the violations occurred. That may include a fine, a suspension of the license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

ABC is conducting the compliance checks state-wide to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunken driving fatalities than the general adult population.

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