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## **Illegal Narcotics Investigation in Santa Monica Leads to One Arrest** *More Arrests Possible and Local Bar Faces Disciplinary Action*

**Santa Monica** – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators and members of the Santa Monica Police Department Vice/Narcotics Unit have arrested one individual following an investigation involving illegal narcotics transactions at the Joker Bar located at 2827 Pico Blvd. This operation was a combined effort between ABC and the Santa Monica Police Department.

During the investigation, undercover investigators were able to make purchases of illegal drugs from bar employees and patrons on several different occasions.

ABC along with the Santa Monica Police Department initiated the investigation due to heightened concern about this location based on observations of officers and complaints from area residents. ABC investigators went undercover multiple times during the past two months to develop the information that led to the arrest.

ABC will file an accusation against the licensed business. The penalty could range from a fine to a revocation of the license. The investigation is on-going and there may be additional arrests.

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.