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## **ABC Arrests Two Persons on Illegal Narcotics Charges**

*Oceanside Bartender Arrested along with Other Individual*

**(Oceanside)** – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators along with Officers from the Oceanside Police Department arrested two individuals at the “Firewater” bar, located at 406 Pier View Way in Oceanside.

The arrests follow a two month investigation involving the sale of illegal narcotics. This operation was a combined effort between ABC and the Oceanside Police Department.

Authorities arrested 27 year-old Oceanside resident, Charles Eugene LeMay, a bartender, and a patron, 36 year-old Oceanside resident, Eric Erickson. The arrests took place at the “Firewater” bar on May 5, 2010. LeMay, who was out on bail on pending manslaughter charges, faces additional criminal charges of sales and possession of illegal drugs and violation of his bail conditions. Erickson faces misdemeanor charges for possession of illegal drugs. In addition, a minor was cited and released for consumption of alcoholic beverages and possession of a false ID. During the investigation, ABC undercover investigators were able to make purchases of high-grade marijuana from the bartender on several different occasions.

ABC along with the Oceanside Police Department initiated the investigation due to heightened concern about this location in the community. ABC investigators went undercover multiple times to develop the information that led to the arrests.

ABC will file an accusation against the bar that could result in a fine, suspension or revocation of the alcoholic beverage license.

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