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ABC Minor Decoy Operation Results in Three Violations

Two Stores Cited in Torrance, One in Wilmington for Selling Alcohol to Minors

(Torrance) – Investigators from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) cited two stores in the city of Torrance and one in the city of Wilmington for selling alcoholic beverages to minors on May 18, 2010.

The actions were the result of a minor decoy operation in which minors under the direct supervision of department investigators, attempted to purchase alcohol from 12 retail licensees located in the cities of Torrance, Wilmington and Long Beach.

Those who sold alcohol to the minors 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 licenses of the businesses where sales to minors 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.

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.

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