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ABC Teams with San Diego County Sheriff's Department in Minor Decoy Operation *Two Businesses are Cited for Selling Alcohol to Minors*

(San Diego County) - An Investigator from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and a Deputy from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department cited 2 businesses in Vista for selling alcoholic beverages to minors on June 5, 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 18 retail licensees in Vista, Bonsall and Fallbrook.

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.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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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