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ABC Cites Two Stores in the Ojai Area for Sales to Minors

(Ventura County) - Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) have cited two stores for selling alcohol to minors. The actions were the result of a June 12, 2010 minor decoy operation in which minors under the direct supervision of department investigators, attempted to purchase alcohol from 19 retail licensees in the city of Ojai and unincorporated areas surrounding the community.

Those who sold 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 of alcohol 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.

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