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## **Nipomo Woman Charged in Connection with Alcohol-Related Death** ***22 Year Old Nipomo Woman Accused of Supplying Alcohol to Minor***

**San Luis Obispo** – A 22 year old Nipomo woman faces charges of furnishing alcohol to a 20 year old woman who was later killed in a March 11, 2010 alcohol related crash.

ABC opened a Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE) case after an initial crash investigation by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) back in March, 2010.

The ABC investigator who worked on the TRACE case conducted a series of interviews and examination of evidence and determined that 22 year old Miriam Ceja of Nipomo supplied alcohol to 20 year old Alicia Renee Carreras of Arroyo Grande back on March 11, 2010. Later that night, Carreras was involved in a single vehicle alcohol related crash that killed her.

On June 4, 2010, the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office filed two misdemeanor charges against Ceja, charging her with furnishing alcohol to a minor, a violation of sections 25658(a) and 25658(c) of the California Business & Professions Code.

TRACE is a five year old ABC program. The program allows for ABC Investigators to conduct investigations throughout California which involve minors, alcohol and serious injuries or fatalities.

The TRACE program is made possible by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration. The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, but also alcohol overdoses, poisonings and assaults that result from alcohol consumption by minors.