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Amador County Drug Task Force and ABC Arrest Two Liquor Store Clerks on Illegal Sales of Marijuana

(Jackson) – The Amador County Combined Narcotic Enforcement Team (ACCNET), Jackson Police Department and California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators arrested two persons at the Bottle Shop located at 45 Main Street in Jackson. The two persons were arrested for sales and possession of marijuana. This operation was a combined effort involving undercover operations over the past few months.

Authorities arrested Manpreet Singh Ghuane and Geoffrey Scott Maciel on September 9, 2010 for sales and possession of marijuana. During the investigation, undercover investigators were able to make purchases from the store employees at the liquor store on several different occasions.

ABC along with ACCNET and the Jackson Police initiated the investigation due to heightened concern about this location in the community. ABC investigators from the Sacramento District and ABC's Grant Assistance Program went undercover multiple times during recent months to develop the information that led to the arrests.

ABC will file an accusation against the Bottle Shop. The penalty could range from a fine to a revocation of the license.

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.