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## **Store Clerks in North Salinas are 100% Compliant** *No Alcohol was Sold to Minors during an ABC Operation*

**(Monterey County)** - Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) conducted an enforcement operation and no clerks sold alcohol to minors. The actions were the result of a compliance check operation on Thursday, September 30, 2010, in which minors under the direct supervision of department investigators, attempted to purchase alcohol from 17 retail licensees in the North Salinas area.

ABC worked closely with Sunrise House Prevention Youth Counsel in Salinas. Sunrise House is a non-profit youth organization promoting a drug and alcohol free life for area youth.

ABC is conducting the compliance checks statewide to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

In 1994, the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that use of underage decoys is a valid tool of law enforcement to ensure that liquor licensees are complying with the law.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Agency Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.