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ABC Arrests Two Individuals on Illegal Drugs Charges

Los Angeles – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators have arrested two individuals at the Prime Time Pub (5556 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles) following a two month long investigation involving illegal drugs transactions.

Authorities arrested one employee (Hong Thi Nguyen, 49) and one patron (Don Whittington, 70) at the bar on December 14, 2010 for sales and/or possession of marijuana. Through the course of the investigation, undercover investigators were able to make five purchases of illegal drugs from a patron during the past two months to develop the information that led to the arrests. Investigators also observed the bartender and other patrons smoking marijuana at the licensed premises.

ABC initiated the investigation due to a citizen complaint and heightened concern about this location in the community. The Los Angeles Police Department assisted with the search warrant service at the location.

ABC may file administrative action against the licensed business. The penalty could range from a suspension to 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.