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ABC Posts Suspension Notices at Two Escondido Bars

Suspension Notices are Posted after Crackdown on Illegal Drug Sales

(Escondido) – On Thursday, April 14, 2011, the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) posted suspension notices at two separate bars in Escondido. The locations were El Rodeo Bar, located at 425 North Rose Street and Thee Spot at 945 West Valley Parkway in Escondido. The license for Thee Spot will be suspended for 25 days. The El Rodeo license is indefinitely suspended until the license is transferred to another owner or owners.

The disciplinary actions were taken because of an October law enforcement operation by ABC investigators and Escondido Police. 13 individuals were arrested at seven different ABC licensed locations in the city of Escondido during the operation. It was the largest drug raid conducted by ABC in the State of California last year.

The arrests followed a lengthy investigation involving the sale of illegal drugs including methamphetamines, cocaine, illegal prescription drugs and high-grade marijuana. In addition to illegal sales of drugs inside Thee Spot and El Rodeo, the sales also occurred inside the premises of the following locations:

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue
Club Anitas, 1320 East Valley Parkway
Senor Taquito, 1620 East Valley Parkway
Escondido Sports Pub, 1205 South Escondido Boulevard
Woodies, 717 North Escondido Boulevard

All of the locations have had their licenses suspended because of the sale and possession of illegal narcotics.

ABC and the Escondido Police Department initiated the investigation due to heightened concern about illegal drug sales. ABC investigators went undercover multiple times to develop the information that led to the arrests.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.