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Alcoholic Beverage Control, Delano Police Department, Bakersfield Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration Customs Enforcement, and Kern County Sheriff's Deputies Arrest 4 People on Illegal Narcotics Charges

Police Officers Crack Down on Illegal Drug Sales at Delano Locations

(Delano) – On Friday, May 6, 2011, California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators, Delano Police Officers, Bakersfield Police Officers, and personnel from the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Kern County Sheriff's Department arrested four people on illegal drug sales and possession at two bars in the City of Delano. The two locations were the People's Café No. 2, located at 726 Fremont Street and El Rancho Grande, located at 720 Fremont Street in Delano.

ABC investigators visited the locations undercover multiple times during the past three months and made multiple purchases of cocaine and crystal methamphetamine. In addition to the narcotics arrests, ABC investigators also discovered violations involving an illegal drink solicitation scheme at both locations. The illegal drink solicitation involved bar servers who placed a surcharge on alcoholic beverages in exchange for keeping male patrons company, resulting in five additional misdemeanor citations.

In addition to the criminal charges, ABC will pursue administrative disciplinary action against each of the locations for violations of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. Penalties range from a fine to a suspension and possibly the revocation of the alcoholic beverage licenses of both businesses.

ABC and the Delano Police Department initiated the investigation after receiving complaints of possible illegal activity. ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency