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License Revoked at El Rodeo Bar and Restaurant in Modesto

ABC Stockton District Office Led Effort to Crackdown on Illegal Activity

(Modesto) – On Thursday, June 30, 2011, Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control posted a Notice of Revocation at the El Rodeo Bar and Restaurant located at 228 Maze Blvd. in Modesto

Undercover investigators visited the premises five separate times between October 30, 2010 and March, 2011.

On March 11, 2011, ABC investigators concluded an undercover operation at the El Rodeo Bar after discovering illegal activity. Investigators arrested several employees including the bartender, and the licensee (owner) for permitting the illegal solicitation of alcoholic beverages where servers place a surcharge on alcoholic beverages in exchange for keeping patrons company. During the inspection of the premises, the office door was found to be locked and the licensee claimed not to have a key. Investigators made lawful entry into the office and found a total of 37 pre-packaged bindles of cocaine and methamphetamine. A scale was also found in the office. The licensee had knowledge of the illegal drugs and admitted to the illegal drink solicitation activity.

The investigation was a joint operation involving the ABC Stockton District Office, the ABC Special Operations Unit (SOU) Northern Division, ABC Sacramento District Office and the ABC Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies (TRACE) Unit. Modesto Police also assisted with the investigation.

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