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**ABC INVESTIGATORS RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD**

*Investigators Perez and Webster named "Officers of the Year" by National Association*

**(Orlando, Florida)** - California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators Dolisa Perez and Dave Webster have been named "Officers of the Year" by the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA). It is the second time this decade that the award has been presented to more than one California ABC officer in the same year.

Perez and Webster were recognized on August 12, 2011, by the NLLEA at the association's national conference in Orlando, Florida. NLLEA President and ABC Assistant Director (Northern Division) Steven Ernst attended the ceremonies along with Perez, Webster and their families.

The two investigators were honored for putting their lives on the line in very dangerous undercover work in Escondido, California. Perez and Webster conducted undercover operations in at least seven licensed premises over a six month period in 2010. They purchased narcotics from patrons and employees at multiple locations on several different dates. Some of the locations were reportedly visited by known violent gang members. As a result of their hard work, all seven locations were disciplined with suspensions.

The two investigators have received high praise from the Escondido Police Department and ABC Executives for their work in Escondido.

"Perez and Webster are most deserving of this honor, their work has increased safety in several ABC licensed premises in the community," said ABC Director Jacob Appelsmith

The work done by Investigators Perez and Webster was part of a large team effort that has helped reduce drug traffic at some businesses that sell alcohol in Escondido.

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