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ABC Suspends License of Hippodrome Indefinitely

Monterey Location was Drain on Police Resources, also Sold Alcohol to a Minor

Monterey - On November 1, 2011, the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) suspended the alcoholic beverage license of The Hippodrome, a Type 48 licensed business located at 321 Alvarado Street, Suite D. The suspension will be in effect for an indefinite period of time until the license is transferred to someone else acceptable to the ABC. The enforcement action is a result of a joint investigation by ABC and the Monterey Police Department. The investigation substantiated evidence of numerous calls for police services to address fights, public drunkenness and other problems. In addition, the bar sold alcoholic beverages to a minor. The violations occurred between January, 2010 and June, 2011.

Today's enforcement action means the bar will not be allowed to sell alcohol until the license is transferred to another person or persons. ABC must approve any new application for a license for any individual or group of persons who might apply for a license and want to sell alcohol at the current location.

"This action is part of an ongoing partnership with Monterey Police to reduce crime and help keep young persons safe," said ABC San Jose District Administrator Karyn Nielsen. "ABC is pressing forward with a statewide effort to increase compliance with the law through strong enforcement. ABC wants to send a very clear message that fights and public drunkenness at ABC licensed businesses, and sales of alcohol to minors are not acceptable and ABC will hold licensees accountable."

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