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Two South San Francisco Adults Charged With Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor *Two Arrests Connected to Alcohol-Related Death*

(South San Francisco) - On January 10, 2012, ABC investigators arrested 45 year old Abduhl Azeem Buksh, a clerk at the Good N Rich Dairy Market located at 130 South Spruce Avenue in South San Francisco, and 51 year old Amelia Chin of Alameda (formerly of South San Francisco). Buksh of South San Francisco and Chin are facing possible criminal charges of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

The two face charges of furnishing alcohol to 18 year old Margaret Qaqish of Daly City on the night of February 4, 2011, when she purchased alcohol at the Good N Rich Dairy Market in clear view of both Buksh, the store clerk, and Chin, an acquaintance of Qaqish. Chin is the mother of one of Qaqish's friends and allegedly accompanied Qaqish inside the store to help her purchase the alcohol.

A few hours later, Qaqish was killed in an alcohol related crash on Highway 101 southbound near San Francisco. The car she was riding in was driven by 18 year old Sean Quintero of South San Francisco. He was arrested by the California Highway Patrol for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol.

ABC opened a Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE) investigation after the initial crash investigation by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) on the morning of February 5, 2011.

The ABC investigator who worked on the TRACE case conducted a series of interviews, examined evidence and was able to determine that Buksh and Chin supplied alcohol to Qaqish.

In addition to the arrests, ABC will be seeking disciplinary action against the market owner.

ABC has conducted hundreds of TRACE investigations during the past eight years since the program's inception. The program allows for ABC Investigators to conduct investigations throughout California which involve minors, alcohol and serious injuries or fatalities.

The TRACE program is made possible by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration. The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, but also alcohol overdoses, poisonings and assaults that result from alcohol consumption by minors.