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ABC Posts 45 Day Suspension Notice at People's Café #2 in Delano *Police Officers Crack Down on Illegal Drug Sales*

(Delano) – On Thursday, June 7, 2012, California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents posted a 45-day Notice of Suspension at the People's Café # 2 located at 726 Fremont Street in Delano.

The action is a result of a cooperative effort involving ABC, Delano Police, Bakersfield Police, and personnel from the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Kern County Sheriff's Department.

A task force with personnel from all the agencies arrested four people on illegal drug sales and possession at two bars in the City of Delano back in May, 2011. The two locations were the People's Café #2, located at 726 Fremont Street and El Rancho Grande, located at 720 Fremont Street in Delano.

ABC agents visited the locations undercover multiple times during a three month period and made multiple purchases of cocaine and crystal methamphetamine. In addition to the narcotics arrests, ABC agents 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.

ABC has suspended the license of People's Café # 2 and is pursuing administrative disciplinary action against El Rancho Grande for violations of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

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.