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Sacramento, CA 95834**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Contact: John Carr
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PR 13-18**ABC Issues Three Citations in Murrieta**
Compliance Check Operation Results in Three Violations

(Murrieta) – Agents from the Riverside District Office of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) cited three persons for selling alcohol to minors on Thursday, June 6, 2013. The actions were the result of a minor decoy operation in which minors, under the direct supervision of Department Agents, attempted to purchase alcohol from six retail licensees in Murrieta.

The following persons were issued misdemeanor citations at the following locations:

Marie Wray Summers, Age 33, of Riverside at Brew Ligion, 39809 Avenida Acacias, Ste A Murrieta, CA 92563

Ronald Roney, Age 28, of Lake Elsinore at Shamrocks Irish Pub and Eatery, 39252 Winchester Road, Ste 145, Murrieta, CA 92563

Michael Bain Lumalu, Age 22, of Temecula at Westons Market Liquor, 40119 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite A101, Murrieta, CA 92563

Those who sold to the minor face a minimum fine of \$250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage licenses of the businesses that sold alcohol to a minor decoy. That may include a fine, a suspension of the license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

ABC is conducting the compliance checks state-wide to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunken driving fatalities than the general adult population.

Minor Decoy operations have been conducted by local law enforcement throughout the state since the 1980's. In 1994, the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that use of underage decoys is a valid tool of law enforcement to ensure that licensees are complying with the law.

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