

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

3927 Lennane Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95834
(916) 419-2500



CONTACT: John Carr
(916) 419-2525

September 16, 2013
PR 13-28

ABC Posts Notice of Revocation at El Rancho Grande in Delano

Police Officers Crack Down on Illegal Drug Sales

(Delano) – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents today posted a Notice of Revocation at the El Rancho Grande Restaurant, located at 720 Fremont Street in Delano, revoking the restaurant’s liquor license and prohibiting it from serving alcohol.

The Revocation Order 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 those agencies arrested four people for illegal drug sales and possession at both El Rancho Grande and at People’s Café # 2, another restaurant in Delano.

The People’s Café license was revoked in October, 2012 as a result of the Accusation filed against it for illegal drug activity and illegal drink solicitations.

Undercover ABC agents visited both locations several 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. The illegal drink solicitation scheme involved bar servers who placed a surcharge on alcoholic beverages in exchange for keeping male patrons company.

ABC and the Delano Police Department initiated the investigation after receiving complaints of possible illegal activity. “The Delano Police Department and Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents work very closely and in concert with each other to ensure that the public safety needs of the Delano community are met. It is through collaborative law enforcement efforts such as this establishment’s license revocation taking place that helps make that happen,” said Delano Police Chief Mark DeRosia.

ABC is a Department within the state Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.