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PR 13-32**Likely Saloon License is Suspended***Bartender Sold Alcohol to Minor Who Later Died in Alcohol-related Car Crash*

(Likely – Modoc County) - On November 7, 2013, ABC agents posted a 35 day Suspension Notice at the Likely Saloon, a restaurant and bar located at 3240 Highway 395 in the community of Likely.

The saloon will not be allowed to sell alcohol for the next 35 days as the result of a Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies (TRACE) investigation by the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The penalty was enforced today following administrative proceedings. At the end of the proceedings, an Administrative Law Judge ruled that the Saloon license should be suspended.

ABC agents worked with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and were able to substantiate that a bartender sold alcohol to minors back on September 30, 2011. One of the minors died in an alcohol-related crash after leaving the bar.

Following the investigation, ABC arrested 53 year-old Daniel Patrick Sowman, a bartender at the Likely Saloon, for furnishing alcohol to a pair of minors. The two minors were later involved in a crash that killed 19 year-old Eduardo Chavez Lopez and injured 18 year-old Eliseo Munguia.

ABC opened a TRACE investigation after an initial crash investigation by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). ABC was able to determine that the 53 year-old Sowman supplied alcohol to Lopez and Munguia on September 30, 2011 while he was tending bar in the Likely Saloon. Shortly after one in the morning on October 1, 2011, Munguia was driving under the influence of alcohol after leaving the bar. He was then involved in a single vehicle alcohol-related crash that killed Lopez who was a passenger.

The Modoc County District Attorney's Office filed misdemeanor charges against Sowman, charging him with furnishing alcohol to a minor that resulted in great bodily harm or death, a violation of sections 25658(a), 25658(c) and 25658(d) of the California Business & Professions Code.

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, alcohol overdoses, poisonings and assaults that result from alcohol consumption by minors.

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