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ABC Suspends License of El Tarasco Bar

State Orders Owner to Transfer License to Someone Else at a Different Location

San Jose –The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has indefinitely suspended the liquor license of the El Tarasco Bar located at 801 North 13th Street in San Jose. The license has been suspended for 30 days and indefinitely thereafter until it is transferred to another individual or group of individuals at another location. ABC took the disciplinary action against the business for multiple violations of California alcoholic beverage laws.

In response to community complaints about crime and disorderly activity taking place at the business, ABC agents and local police officers conducted a joint, undercover investigation from April, 2013 to May 2013. Undercover personnel purchased methamphetamines from a premises' employee and were illegally solicited by several employees to purchase alcoholic beverages for them. The Department's eight count accusation against the license alleged that the owner knowingly permitted the sale of controlled substances and allowed the illegal drink solicitation to take place upon the premises.

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

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